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State comptroller to report soon on Tze'elim-2

State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat said yesterday that she intends to report soon on the conduct of Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak in what is known as the Tze elim-2 affair.

Barak telephoned Ben-Porat yesterday and asked her to make her stand oo the issue public soon, following Justice Minister Tzahi Haneghi's accusation that Barak, who was chief of general staff at the time, had "run away" from the scene of the training

accident and abandoned wounded soldiers in the field. Five soldiers were killed and six

wounded in the November 1992 accident, in which a missile was erroneously fired. Ben-Porat agreed, telling Barak she has already announced her plans to comment on the matter.

At a press conference last month, at which she presented the annual State Comptroller's Report, Beo-Porat said she was deliberating whether she had the tools to explore the sensitive issue of the evacuation of wounded soldiers, since it required detailed fact verification, as in a fled the accident scene were untrue iudicial inquiry.

Barak, opposition slam Hanegbi.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and other top IDF officers offered Barak support yesterday, insisting that reports that Barak

Shahak, who was Barak's deputy and also wimessed the accident, said any claims that Barak abandoned wounded

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine also said the report was wrong. Speaking on Channel 2, Levine said he had refrained from commenting on the incident until now, but said that Barak did oot leave before he made sure that the casualties were being treated.

Channel 1 reported yesterday that in a check of the military flights on the day that Barak's helicopter took off only after the helicopter which evacuated the wounded had left the site.

Other IDF officers and major-generals who were present at the Tze'elim-2 incident told Israel Radio no wounded soldiers had been abandoned, noting that both Barak and Shahak remained there until all the wounded had been treated or evacuated.

Lt.-Col. Shlomi, a member of the unit that took part in the maneuver, said yesterday that accusing Barak of abandoning the soldiers was "a contemptuous act." Shlomi said on Channel t's Erev Hadash and on Israel Radio that Barak had behaved exactly "as a chief of staff should, at incidents such as these."

He noted Barak could not have evacuated soldiers in his own helicopter, because it was not suitable for carrying wounded persons and had seats in it, so he had to wait for a Yasur helicopter to do so.

Soldiers in this unit vesterday present ed Barak with a letter of support. Arich O'Sullivan contributed to this

Religious freedom act thrown out in US

By MARILYN RENRY

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NEW YORK - In a decision that stunned religious leaders in the US, the Supreme Court yesterday struck down the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, a fouryear-old law that was intended to lunit government interference in-

The effect will be to alter govemment's relationship with religion and to make it more difficult to challenge government actions that are thought to restrict religious freedom.

The 6-3 court ruling is expected to reverbeiate across every religious community in the US. Religious leaders spanning the spectrum, who had lobbied fiercely for the act in the early 1990s, have called this the most important church-state case ever decided by the court.

"Are Americans going to remain free to practice their religion protected from andue government interference?" asked Rahbi David Saperstein, an attorney who directs the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Today, Americans will once again find that their free exercise of religion will be subject to government regulation, even when no significant govemment interest in the infringement of religion is involved."

Freedom of religion is a fundamental right in the US. However, that freedom often conflicts with governmental lawa and accons, and the issue that has plagued the US since 1990 was how to draw the line between religious freedom and governmental prerogatives.

In a 1990 case, the court said laws that are otherwise "neutral" toward religion can be valid even if the effect is that they infringe on some people's religious beliefs. The 1993 act was intended to overturn that ruling. Yesterday. however, the court said Coogress had overstepped its bounds.

Yesterday's case stemmed from a dispute over zoning and "historic landmark preservation" in the small Texas town of Boerne.

The town's St. Peter Catholic Church has more than 2,000 members, but its 70-year-old sanctuary holds fewer than 250. When it sought city permission to tear down part of the sanctuary and enlarge its Spanish mission huilding, the Boeme landmark commission said no, contending that the building was worthy of preservation.

The church countered that its right to religious freedom, as guaranteed under the 1993 act, took precedeoce over a governmental interest in preservation. The church lost in yesterday's ruling.

Religious leaders argued strenuously that the 1993 law was oeeded to encourage governments to accommodate religious practices and to protect minority religions.

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Rafael Eitan visits Ateret Cohanim

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan addresses students at the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva in Jerusalem's Old City yesterday, after Ateret Cohanim took him on a tour of the Old City, Ras el-Amud, and Abu Dis.

Rabin assassination dashed peace with Syria – Indyk

By JAY BUSHINSKY

US Ambassador Martin Indyk believes there was a real chance of peace between Israel and Syria on the eve of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination,

but it was dashed immediately afterwards by rapidly circumchanging The American envoy

was interviewed at the Tel Aviv Embassy just after the White House announced that President Bill Clinton had nominated him for the post of assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs.

Referring to his assignment to Israel in March 1995, Indyk said, "I was seot here by President Clinton to work with the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin." Peace with Syria waa their common objective, he said.

"The next step in the process was to achieve a breakthrough with Syria," he said, adding that the Oslo Accords were "on track" at the time and that an Israeli-Syrian agreement would have made it easier for the Palestinians to move forward.

Former ambassador to the US Itamar Rahinovich described Indyk's remarks as "a precise ren-

dioon of the US position." He recalled, however, that wheo Syrian President Hafez Assad iosisted that Rabin drop his demand for an early-warning station in the Golan Heights, to be set up after Israel's withdrawal, the

embryonic agreement collapsed. Rabinovich recalled working with the Australian-born diplomat when Indyk served as director of the Nacional Security Council's

Middle East desk as well as during

his stint as envoy to Israel. A senior US official said yesterday that the Clinton administration hopes the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold its hearing oo Indyk's cominacion prior to its August break. But that might have to wait until the autumn, due an overloaded

Congressional calendar. If confirmed, Indyk would replace

Robert Pelletreau, who retired earlier this year. Indyk was enthusiastic about the post of assistant secretary.

"It will give me an opportunity to implement the Clinton administration's policies toward Iran and Iraq, as well as the Gulf states," he

"We have a strong strategical ioterest in seeing the peace process succeed," he said. "The president feels that we must get the peace process back on track and that more progress should be made towards new agreements." He stressed that the process is

based oo the "land for peace" principle, with Israel giving up tangihle assets and the Arabs promising intangibles such as normalization and open horders.

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Meridor: I may challenge Netanyahu for Likud leadership

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

out the possibility of challenging Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for the Likud leadership in the future."The possibility is open," Meridor said, adding he intends "to put the state back on

the right course. Meridor and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi yesterday tore ver-bally into each other, in what some see as the opening shot in the battle for the Likud's leadership.

Meridor, now considered the leader of the internal opposition to Netanyahu, slammed Hanegbi for his attack oo Labor leader MK Ehud Barak and accused him and Netanyahu of bullying and brutal

behavior. The trouble with them is they think what Hanegbi did is legitimate," Meridor said. "Hanegbi's address [in the Knesset] proves he and Netanyahu learned oothing in

the past year." He hlasted Hanegbi for "using a newspaper article to slander Barak and accuse him of a grave falsehood [in the Tze'elim-2 affair]. 1 believe the IDF chief of staff, who said these things never happened and are a lie."

Meridor said the war going on now is about the Likud's character and may be a historic one. He did not say openly he would run against Netanyahu for the Likud's leadership, but stressed he will act so that in the next elections the public has an alternative to Labor and Netanyahu, "because the people of Israel deserve a better can-

Meridor said be "is disturbed by the phenomena that our society has MK Dan Meridor is not ruling been facing. There is a threat on society's fundamental, agreed-upon values. I want to stay in public life to fix what is possible and to return us to a correct and better path."

Hanegbi resorted that from yesterday, Meridor has turned into the tireless subverter undermining the government" and called on Meridor to resign from the Knesses and return his mandate to the Likud if he couldn't be loyal to the party and prime minister.

"Whoever thinks a justice minis-

ter must be anemic, nerdy or a

hartzuf, as one former justice minister was [referring to Meridor], is making a mistake," Haneghi said. After resigning from his post as finance miniater last week, Meridor spearheaded the "rebellion" of Likud MKs who did not support the government at the no-

confidence vote on Tuesday. Meridor met Third Way MK Alex Lubotzky yesterday to discuss Lubotzky's initiative to form a central-right body as an alternative to the Likud.

Lubotzky said he saw Meridor as an excellent candidate for prime minister at the head of such a body, in which the Third Way would be the central party. "We must provide the Israeli voter with more alternatives in the elections for prime minister," he said.

Third Way leader loternal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani expressed reservation ahout Lubotzky's contacts with Meridor. He said Lubotzky's initiative was out of line, and the latter apologized.

PM seeks to clear air with Levy today

By JAY BUSHINSKY and MICHAL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is scheduled to confer with Foreign Minister David Levy today in an apparent bid to clear the political air within the coalition and keep it intact. If the two iron out their differences, the way will be paved for Netanyahu to present his planned cabinet changes to the Knesset next week.

Mordechai: PA wants to escalate violence, Page 2

David Levy

The meeting was finally arranged by Levy's assistant, Ya'acov Bardugo, and Netanyahu's assistants, after two days in which all Netanyahu's efforts to meet Levy or even speak to him on the telephone were

Channel 1 reported that Levy intended to boycon Friday's weekly cabinet meeting, but his talks with Netanyahu may obviate this move.

Sources close to Levy said the crisis was triggered by the planned cahinet reshuffle, which Netanyahu decided upon without consulting Levy. But this was only the latest of the many obstructions in the working relations between the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry, and between the prime minister and his foreign minister, who felt pushed out of the peace process and the decision-making process altogether, the sources said.

Levy's Gesher faccion also has expressed profound dissatisfaction with the government's performance on social issues. This resentment came to a head when Levy and his fellow Gesher members stayed away from the chamber during Tuesday's no-confidence vote.

Levy, moreover, objects to adding National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, whom Netanyahu wants to appoint finance minister, to the "inner cabinet." which consists of the prime minister, Levy, and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Levy and Mordechai are both said to be concerned that Sharon's getting a key cabinet positioo will endanger any hope of resuming the negotiaoons with the Palestinians.

Levy's critics cootend that he spends relatively little time at his mioistry and has not been easily accessible to foreign counterparts eager to shore up their economic and political relations with Israel,

On the other hand, the government sources said that while Levy has been "kept abreast of every-



thing" he may resent being less visible media-wise than he deems appropriate to his ministerial role.

Another irritant in the uneasy Netanyahu-Levy relationship is the likelihood that Mordechai witt be put in charge of the next round of peace talks with Syria, while Levy again will have to remain on the sidelines. Meanwhile, Mordechai's office

issued a statement saying that no

security issues were discussed in

his latest one-on-one meeting with Netanyahu, and that only routine issues were raised. "It should be emphasized with regard to a report that someone in the security establishment said that 'An explosion is possible in the territories, perhaps within a matter of hours, that no such

authoritative security official," the statement said. Meanwhile, Labor MK Haggai Merom yesterday called on Mordechai and Levy to resign from the cabines and force new elections in order to prevent the collapse of the peace process and

statement was made by any

the eruption of war. Merom said that Levy, "with his sharp political senses, knows we're heading towards the complete collapse of the peace process and the eruption of war. He senses that the addition of Ariel Sharon to the security cahinet, [joining] himself, Mordechai, and that irresponsible prime minister, could lead to a most terrible

and dangerous situation." If both these ministers, whom the public loves and trusts more than the prime minister, leave the government, it will fall. Merom said and then there will be a better one.

"They can form such a government. The security situation ohliges us to send out a warning to stop being preoccupied with poliocal intrigue and open our eyes to the awful conflagration which is about to happen, in a few days or weeks." Merom said.

NEWS

in brief

Livnat: I considered resigning

Communications Minister Limor Livnat told Channel 1 yesterday that she had seriously considered resigning her post after Dan Meridor resigned as finance minister, but said while she had serious criticism of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, he had not totally lost her confidence.

Meanwhile, police said there is a suspect in the hanging of anti-Livnat signs along the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway earlier this week. Police also were checking whether the printing house that printed the signs was more deeply involved in the incident.

Major military exercise on Golan Heights ends

The IDF has just completed a major military exercise on the Golan Heights involving infantry, armor, artillery, engineers, anti-tank and anti-aircraft units. The exercise, which lasted a number of days, was aimed at raising the ability of units to fulfill their missions in emergency situations. In addition, it was aimed at training coordination between army units and between branches. The IDF said the annual exercise culminated training stages for each of the units, which were now able participate in running security tasks. The exercise was observed by top IDF brass, as well as President Ezer Weizman and members of the Knesset Foreign Relations and Defense Committee.

Two killed, five injured in Upper Galilee crash

Two people were killed and five others injured when a car collided head-on with a commercial vehicle on the road between the Amiad and Kadurim junctions in Upper Galilee yesterday afternoon. Police said it appeared that the car, in which the driver and passenger were killed, had swerved out of its lane and crashed into the van travelling in the opposite direction.

The five occupants of the van were treated at the scene by Magen David Adom paramedics and later evacuated by ambulances to a hospital. David Rudge

Antiquities Authority rejects compromise

Antiquities Aothority Director-General Amir Drori yesterday rejected a proposal to form a committee empowered to resolve all disputes relating to religious objections over whether work can continue at an archeological dig, the Education Ministry said yesterday. Representatives of the Education and Religious Affairs ministries presented the proposal, which means to deal with incidents in which graves are believed to have been uncovered at a dig. It was discussed at a meeting that included Drori and Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein.

Supreme Court uphoids murderer's sentence

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected Fatma Basbir's appeal against her four life sentences for murdering her stepmother and her stepmother's three children.

The court rejected Bashir's claim that her father had forced her to murder them, ruling that her life had not been in immediate danger and she could have fled to the police.

IDF denies joint naval maneuvers with Turkey

The IDF Spokesman denied the reports from Syria that the Israeli and Turkish navies were currently cooducting joint maneuvers in the eastern Mediterranean.

The denial came after Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara condemned Israeli-Turkish naval maneuvers being conducted off the Syrian Mediterranean coast city of Latakia. Addression a plenary session yesterday of foreign ministers of the so-called Damascus Declaration states (Syria, Egypt, and six Gulf Arab countries), he expressed surprise at plans by the US, a sponsor of Arab-Israeli peace talks, to take part in the naval games at a

Last week, five Turkish naval vessels called at the Haifa port at the tail end of a unilateral exercise. Israel and Turkey are expected to conduct joint maneuvers later this year, along with Arich O'Sullivan

RELIGIOUS

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Among the religious freedoms that had been protected under the 1993 law were: the right of Jehovah's Witnesses to avoid taking a loyalty oath as a condition of state employment in California; the right of a Native American guard in a New York prison to refuse, for religious reasons, to cut his hair; and the right of the Amish in Wisconsin to refuse to post bright orange safety triangles on their horse-drawn buggies, which the Amish said were too "worldly."

Sixteen states supported the town of Boerne, saying the 1993 law has posed a problem for prisons, which have faced a rash of lawsuits in which inmates challenged regulations on clothing, diet, hair length and other aspects of prisoo life as violations of their religious beliefs.

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'No plan to retake PA territory'

and LIAT COLLINS

Minister Yitzhak Defense Mordechai yesterday announced that the security establishment had no intention of heightening tension in the field, following reports that the IDF had a plan to reoccupy terrilory ceded to the Palestinian Authority and PA warnings that this would mean war.

An Israel Radio report that the Civil Administration had held a simulation exercise which included the invasion of PA-controlled towns and the arrest of PA leaders was denied by the administration itself Tuesday, but created top sto-ries in the Palestinian press yester-

West Bank Preventive Security chief Jibril Rajoub said in Hebron yesterday that "if your extremists try to conquer the territories in which we are now, I am sure you will not be received with rice or roses but by a more suitable reaction on our part. But you know there are senior members in the Likud who have no faith in the prime minister, so how do you expect me to believe him.

Knesset Interior Committee chairman Sallah Tarif (Labor), who was with Rajoub in his office at the time, nodded and said Mordechai was also among the senior Likud official who had lost faith.

Rajoub's warnings were repeated in different forms by other senior

Tarif visited Hebron yesterday and met last night in Ramallah with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"I feel that the situation is on the edge of an abyss because of the government's policy, and I am gratified by the self-control exercised by the defense minister and foreign



Palestinian Police Commander Nasser Yusuf (center) appears before the Knesset Interior Committee meeting yesterday, sitting between United Arab List MK Taleb a-Sanaa (left) and committee chairman Sallah Tarif.

minister while the prime minister is conducting an irresponsible policy," Rajoub said.

Tarif said the government should immediately stop settlement building and warned of the danger of appointing Ariel Sharon as finance

"There is great concern that that soon as possible to clarify the situthe cabinet changes will lead to a still harsher policy; there is simply no faith left in Netanyahu," Tarif said after a private meeting with

Arafat said he would like to meet Labor Party leader Ehud Barak as

Earlier in the day, Palestinian Police Commander Nasser Yusuf appeared before the Knesset Interior Committee for a discussion on the conditions of security pris-

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

At the request of Defeose

Minister Yitzhak Mordecbai,

leaders from the Council of

Jewisb Communities in Judea,

Samaria and Gaza and the Land of

Israel Front agreed to put off a

demonstration planned in the

Gush Katif settlement of Morag

A council spokesman said it

appears the pressure placed on the

government to solve the issues in

However, he warned that if ooth-

ing was done, then council leaders

and the Land of Israel Front

would renew their plans. "We feel obliged to give Mordechai a chance to deal with the issues."

According to council secretary

general Aharoo Domb, Mordechai

planned protest and allow IDF

forces to remove the Palestinians

Morag have fioally paid off.

tomorrow.

Yusuf complained of Israel's use of administrative detention and of the conditions in which prisoners. are held. He said there are 247 Palestinians under administrative detention who have not been charged, despite the long period they have spent in prison.

Bill applying Israeli law to settlements passes 1st hurdle

By LIAT COLLINS

Against the government's wishes and almost without the opposition noticing, a bill by MK Benny Elon (Moledet) which would apply Israeli law to the Jewish communities of Judea, Samaria and Gaza passed preliminary reading in the Knesset yesterday by 21 votes to three with one abstention.

The bill was referred to the Knesset Law Committee, chaired by Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party), to be prepared for further readings, but it is unlikely to pass all three readings easily or any time in the near

It would in effect place under Israeli sovereignty the local coun-right direction," for the final status Palestinian Authority control in Jewish Communities in Judea,

Judea, Samaria, the Jordan Valley and Gaza, which currently are governed by the military government and emergency regulations.

A similar bill was raised in the

last Knesset by Ariel Mayor and

former Likud MK Roo Nahman. Meretz whip Haini Oron later admitted to reporters "a feeling of failure" that the opposition had missed the vote.

"Elon finished speaking and the voting started before we had time to get there, and the law passed preliminary reading," Oron said. He said he would do everything to ensure it did not pass further

Margot Dudkevitch adds: Declaring it "a first step in the

sage of the bill's preliminary read-Council spokesman Yechiel

Samaria and Gaza greeted the pas-

Leiter said that if the bill is eventually passed theo all local and regional Jewish Councils would be under Israeli jurisdiction and not just Israeli military control, the situation at present. "It is not the same as sovereign-

ty," he said. Leiter added that 7% of the terri-

tories is currently uoder Palestinian Authority control and nothing under Israeli jurisdiction. A statement issued by Peace

Now said that "30 years of occupation has allowed settlements to flourish to dangerous levels without such a bill and called it anothcils in all those areas not under talks, leaders of the Council of er part of the "hunt" to destroy the

human rights

groups

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Information concerning the mur-

ders of Arab land dealers who were

accused of selling land across the

Green Line to Jews was made

available to human rights organiza-

tions by Cabinet Secretary Danny

"This incredible behavior is

directed against Jews and smacks of antisemitism," Naveh said, pre-

senting a file of documents con-

cerning these murders, which was

prepared for distribution to inter-

"We expect these organizations

to adopt measures to inform the

Naveh said everyone who is con-

cemed about human rights should

try to bring an end to these heinous

· Included in the file is an open let-

ter Naveh wrote in his capacity as

head of the government forum against antisemitism. In it, he con-

tends that the killings are a clear

violation of the interim agreement

between Israel and the Palestinians.

The file also contains a chrono-

Palestinian Authority that they are

ested groups abroad.

horrified by such actions."

from Morag.

Mordecbai's media coordinator

Morag demonstration Avi Benayahu said that in the meetiog, which was initiated by council leaders and Knesset members, Mordecbai said the security forces needed to solve the pend-

ing issues in Gush Katif. Gush Katif Meanwhile. spokesman Shlomo Kostiner said be understood the protest had beeo put off for a week. Regarding reports that the memorial erected recently at Gush Katif Junction for Sgt. Yehuda Levy, killed in last September's riots, will be removed, he said that Gush Katif residents would under no circumstances allow that to

Liat Collins adds:

In answer to a parliamentary question by MK Benny Elon (Moledet), Mordechai admitted that the IDF is negotiating with the Palestinians about moving the memorial. He said no agreements had been reached yet and the family's sensibilities are being taken into account.

Mordechai: PA wants Naveh offers material on to escalate violence land-dealer which the escalation gets out of control and serious incidents take murders to Minister Yitzhak He said the freeze in the diplo-

By LIAT COLLINS

Mordechai yesterday told the Knesset plenum that members of the Palesunian Authority want to cause a flare-up leading to a confrontation with Israel.

The situation is undoubtedly sensitive and can bring about a serious flare up, Mordechai said.

His assessment contradicts the one IDF Chief of General Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak to the presented Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Tuesday, when he said

the PA is trying to preveni bloodshed and is not interested, at the moment, in

Mordechai, answering motions on the situatioo in Hebron and Gush Katif, said, "I believe there is a desire by Palestinian Authority people, and definitely by violent elements oo the ground, to ignite the area, bring about confrontation and bloodshed, and an escalation ... to bring about a situation in



Yitzhak Mordechai

matic process created misunder-

standings on the ground. "Every side interprets the events differently," he said. He said Israel would do

everything possible to avoid violence, saying, The skill is to put out the fire and not adding to it.

"We can reach within days any place in which there are conflicts to solve the problem," he

In a different speech, Mordechai said Israel is willing to discuss with Syria ways of ending the conflict, "but unfor-

tunately all our calls have gone without the necessary answers, openness, and willing-

ness to move this process." In answer to a question by MK Abdul Malik Dahamshe (Democratic Arab Party), Mordechai said joint maneuvers with Turkey are not aimed at any country in the region.

He also said the IDF is prepared to deal with threats from missiles.

Man dies in PA custody

By JON EMMANUEL

A Gaza man arrested three days ago by a Palestinian security force, apparently for insulting the wife of an official bodyguard, was taken to a hospital brain dead

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING OF the Eng Ish-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club took place yesterday at the YMCA, King David Street. RI Arthur Braunstin spoke on: "Life in the United States Foreign Service," hours after his arrest, having been

Nasser Radwan, in his early twenties, was arrested after a personal dispute with a member of the Presidential Security Guard, Mahmoud Zayyad. Zayyad is a bodyguard for Col. Abu Nasser Freihat, who appears to have ordered the arrest.

house known to be used for interrogations by the presidential guard, also known as Force 17. According to Radwan's family, Zayyad was angry with Radwan because he spoke rudely to bis

struck the head.

logical summary of the three known slayings dating back to May 8, quotes from Palestinian leaders who justify capital punishment for the sale of land to Jews, official statements on this issue by Israelis, Jordanians, Americans and Palestinians and newspaper Radwan was incarcerated in a columns condemning the murders.

Speaking at a news conference, Naveh refused to discuss the motives Israelis may have in trying to purchase land from Palestinians. Instead, he declared that "Jews have the right to buy land anywhere in the Land of Israel.



Settlers to postpone

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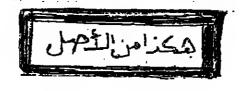
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With Rami Tal, Yediot Aharanot journalist

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

story will come back.

You wrote yesterday in

your newspaper that you

object to the way in which

Hanegbi used your article.

What exactly bothered you?

see it as perfectly legiti-

candidate for prime minister

has done in the past agaiost

that Tzahi Hanegbi used

Tze'elim -2 against Ehud

Barak Tze elim 2 is not

one of the things Barak

should be proud of in his mil-

But I object to his con-

tention that we wrote that Ehud Barak ran away from the scene. There is no proof

that Barak ran away, he didn't

running away from anything.

It was not a combat situa-

tion. There was nothing to

run away from. The words

"run away" or "abandoned the wounded" used by

Haneghi were not mentioned

some soldiers oo the scene .

in the article.

itary career....

I don't object to the fact

him or in support of him.

he should have: meaning that he did not approach the wounded, did not say any-What was your reaction thing to them, as opposed to when you heard that Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi other generals on the scene who went to the wounded and held your article up and spoke to them and tried to affincked Labor leader Ediad Barak over it? console them.

There is a difference The truth is that I wasn't so between the other charges in shocked because a week ago. the articles, which were be prime minister's hased on documents and spokesman, Shai Bazak, in a other evidence, as opposed to radio interview, brought up this, which was based on tes-Tze elim 2 out of the blue. timony from some of those That was a signal that this soldiers.

This was legitimate testimony, but I don't doubt there are other perspectives.

If you were to write the article today, would you write it differently?

Only a fool would say that made to use anything that a he never made any mistakes and that be would never change anything he did in the past. I hope I am not a fool. Looking back, I would have made some minor modifications. I would have had different emphases. But basically, I think that what was written io that investigative report was correct and reflected what happened as far as a journalist can approach truth, it was certainly a conscientious effort to represent the truth.

I know some things oow that had I knew then, I would have modified, hut I would have written the article and I think Yediot Aharonot did a service to Israel and to democracy by publishing it. That doesn't mean that I con-What was said was that done the cynical use of the investigative report in the thought that then-chief of way it was used yesterday staff Barak did not behave as [Tuesday]. -

Barak, opposition slam Hanegbi

By LIAT COLLINS and MICHAL YUDELMAN

Labor leader MK Ehud Barak said yesterday, in reaction to Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi's accusation against him during Tuesday's no-confidence motions, that he was more determined than ever to end the days of this gov-

He said the accusations hurt him, noting "I now understand better what [Defense Minister] Itzik Mordechai went through when he was accused of murdering the terrorists in the [1984] bus 300 inci-

Addressing Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Barak soid "Bibi, he who rides on the back of a gutter thug will find himself ultimately in the gutter."

Labor wbip Ra'anan Cohen filed a complaiot with the Knesset Ethics Committee, chaired by Yehuda Lankri (Gesher), noting among other things that Haneghi was aware that State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat is investigating the affair and had not yet published her findings.

In the morning, the plenum was the scene of another uproar, started when Meretz whip Haim Oron noted that the current IDF Chief of General Staff Amnon Lipkin Shahak had questioned Hanegbi's version of the Tze'elim 2 training accident and Barak's behavior.

"The chief of general staff said the justice minister is a liar, because anyone who says the wounded and dead were abandoned at Tze'elim is lying," Oron

Hanegbi countered by asking Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon who first came up with the phrase, "Barak fled."

Tichon answered it was first coined by Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, but later noted that Sarid had used it when Barak was absent for the controversial vote on the conversion bill at the end of March and not in relation to T2e'elim. Eitan Cabel (Labor) and Hanegbi

later argued when Cabel said even Likud colleagues had accused Hanegbi of "hooliganism." During a preliminary reading of

bill by Cabel which would restrict the president's rights to grant Yigal Amir clemency, Cabel



Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and MK Dalia Itzik, head of Labor's response team, talk in the Knesset corridors yesterday.

accused Hanegbi of being among the major inciters before former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

In bis response, Hanegbi said

that "although I am only 50 percent or less of Yemenite extraction, Cabel's behavior is an embarrassment to all the Yemenite communi-

'I know, are balanced and reasoned people, and the stupidities we've heard today from Cabel are simply

on a low level." Meanwhile, MK Dalia Itzik, head of Labor's response team, said the party will not abandon the "arena of violence" to the right wing anymore and intends to react firmly and powerfully to any act of incitement or violence against its leaders. "No more good guys," she

ltzik said "the Netanyahu-Haneghi twosome have learned nothing from past events. One thing is clear, we will not let the right wing incite against us without responding adequately anymore."

Ran Cohen (Meretz), chairman of the Knessei State Control Committee, called on Hanegbi 10 resign in view of Shahak's statements. Meanwhile, a group of some 25 MKs from all the parties in the Knesset met quietly and politely yesterday for a discussion entitled: "An end to words of incitement in the Knesset plenum and committees." The meeting, which was the initiative of Ra'anan Cohen and Lankri, did ty, because the Yemenites, as far as not result in any firm conclusions.

Tze'elim 2 victim's father praises Hanegbi; IDF ethicist slams him

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi's attack Tuesday on Labor Party leader Ehud Barak for allegedly abandoning soldiers wounded in the Tze'elim 2 training accident, the father of one of the victims said yesterday.

To this day, there has been no serious investigation [of the accident] from which [the IDF] could learn any lessons," said Shlomo Cohen, of Moshav Amioz.

His son, Arych, was one of five soldiers in an elite reconnaissance unit killed when a missile was misfired during a training exercise in November 1992. Six other soldiers were wounded in the inci-

"The timing may not have been right, and it may not be right to use [our dead] children in a political attack," Cohen said. "But I congratulate Hanegbi. I'm glad someone had the balls to stand up and 'The emperor has no

Like some parents of victims in the accideot, Cohen is most frustrated by the fact that no one, even after the October 1994 IDF verdict, willingly took responsibility

Only junior officers were courtmartialed, and, according to Cohen, their punishments were extremely inadequate.

A Tel Aviv University philosophy professor, however, says Cohen is misguided in thinking any benefit can come from Hanegbi's attack. Hanegbi generated only political hatred and a climate that could endanger Barak's life, said Prof. Asa Kasher, who in 1994 co-authored the IDF's code

"We can't ignore recent history. We've already had two political Some good could come out of fatalities," he said, referring to the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1995 and the murder of Emil Grunzweig by Yona Avrushmi, who threw a grenade at a Peace Now demonstration in 1983.

"The case of Avrushmi is especially disturbing, because no ooe would have thought of him as a potential killer," Kasher said. "It was the [political] climate that made him plan and carry out the

Loners like Avrushmi are an even greater danger than those who belong to organizations, Kasher added, because they have no one to restrain them and because the security forces are unaware of their existence.

The bereaved parents' need to know what happened in an accident is understandable, but it will oot be satisfied as a consequence of Hanegbi's attack, Kasher said. Unfortunately, the parents also have a natural desire to see a highranking officer punished, he added.

"But how the army improves itself and metes out punishment is a professional question that can be answered only by professionals," Kasher said.

According to Cohen, because of the IDF's statue of limitations, the parents bave only four months left in which to petition the High Court of Justice to set up a commission of inquiry regarding the

Tze'elim 2 accident. "This won't bring back our sons," Coheo said, "but at least we'll be able to sleep at night knowing we've done our utmost and the IDF has taken responsibil-



During the past five generations, millions of Jews throughout the world have taken part in the great undertaking of the Return to Zion, of the establishment of the State of Israel and the struggle to protect it. After the Holocaust, many Jews gave their lives so that Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel would be assured. Recently, Haredi circles have been increasing their attacks on the very essence of our existence: the abusive speech by MK Arye Deri in the Jerusalem Stadium, the burning of the Israeli flag, the contemptuous attitute of the Haredim towards IDF dead, vituperative language and acts of violence against other sectors of the population, against policemen,

and the symbols of the state and its institutions. All this is being perpetreted by people who do not serve in the army, some of whom do not even work for a living but are supported by the rest of the population. Since party leaders, for reasons of political expediency, remain silent about what is taking place before their very eyes, it is the obligation of all of us, supporters of both the right and the left, to demonstrate and affirm that we will not sanction Haredi bullying tactics. We will not agree to severing relations with Diaspora Jewry because of the Conversion Bill, and we unequivocally demand that Haredim serve in the army.



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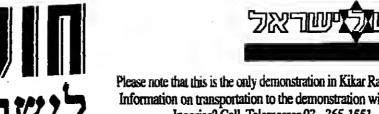
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Russian supply ship crashes into space station Mir

CAPE CANAVERAL - A Russian cargo ship crashed into the space station Mir yesterday during a test, causing one module to lose pressure, NASA said. The three men on board, including a NASA astronaut, were reported to be safe.

The crew watched as the Progress ship, filled with garbage, moved toward the Mir and collided into a module during a test of the docking system, said NASA spokesman Rob Navias. A solar panel on the module was damaged, and pressure began to drop inside. "It's heading toward zero," Navias said yesterday morning.

The crew hurriedly sealed off the module to prevent a further drop in pressure in the rest of the sprawling station.

Although the rest of the station initially lost some pressure, the situation has since stabilized and is back to normal - except for the sealed Spektr module, Navias said. The ship has six modules, gradually added over the years. Spektr was launched in 1995.

Navias said there was no plan to abandon Mir at this time. A Soyuz spacecraft always is docked to the station for such purposes. The Progress, launched with crucial supplies and

repair equipment in April, was supposed to redock this morning and then be jettisoned for good on Saturday, Navias said. It eventually will burn up in the atmosphere, as is normal.

NASA astronaut Michael Foale has been living on Mir since mid-May, along with two Russian cosmonauts. Foale replaced Jerry Linenger, who experienced a series of problems during his four-month visit, including a near-miss with a Progress and a fire.

Like the current Mir crew, Linenger's team was testing the docking system of another Progress more monaut has a tiny cabin with porthole.

than three months ago when the supply ship headed straight for Mir. The Progress veered underneath the station at the last minute. Linenger said.

This is not the first space collision, although it appears to be the worst ever for the 11-year-old Mir. A supply ship brushed against the Mir before, and there have been similar circumstances involving Soyuz spacecraft, Navias said.

Foale, the fifth American to live on Mir, is a little over one month into a four-month stay aboard Mir. Space shuttle Atlantis is to pick him up in late September and drop off yet another astronaut. Mir has experienced a series of trouble in recent

Besides the fire and Progress redocking trouble, oxygen generators failed, the carbon dioxide-removal system malfunctioned and the cooling system leaked

harmful antifreeze. Foale and his two Russian crewmates had just finished fixing the cooling system.

The troubled Mir is a cluttered amalgam of cylindrical modules and solar panels that has been assembled and reconfigured like a giant child's toy set circling high above the Earth.

From an original 20-ton Soviet-era building block launched in February 1986, Mir has become a sprawling space station that has received dozens of Soviet, Russian and foreign cosmonauts. The crew normally have the run of half a dozen modules with science-fiction names like Kvant-1, Priroda, Kristall, and including the Spektr unit involved in Wednesday's collision.

The core section is painted a mixture of white and homely pastel shades inside. There is even carpet because, despite the absence of gravity, crew mem-bers prefer to see a "floor" and "ceiling." Each cos-

Yeltsin fires minister in sauna scandal

MOSCOW (Reuter) - President need to carry out an investigation he cleared his name. Boris Yeltsin formally suspended his justice minister yesterday pending a probe of allegations he was filmed in a seedy gangland sauna.

Soon afterwards the interior minister, whose own department has faced criticism over how the film came to be made public, was reported to have confirmed the authenticity of the pictures and revealed that Yeltsin himself was wamed of them weeks ago.

Yeltsin's decree, published by the Kremlin press service, said Justice 1995. He denies doing anything Minister Valentin Kovalyov was wrong but had asked the president of a banker on m suspended "in connection with the to suspend him from duties while earlier this year.

into media publications which discredit the minister."

There was no indication of how long that would take. The monthly newspaper

Sovershenno Sekretno (Top. Secret) last week published grainy snaps taken from a video which it said showed Kovalyov with naked women in September 1995 in the sauna of a gangland nightclub.

Kovalyov, a former Communist, became justice minister in January

Itar-Tass news agency said Kovalyov's cabinet colleagues had asked Yeltsin to sack him outright, He has suggested the fuzzy video film, later aired by Russian

television stations, could have been faked. But Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov, in comments reported

by Interfax news agency, was quoted as saying the film was definitely genuine. Kulikov said on Monday the tape bad been seized by police during the arrest of a banker on major theft charges

10 years for US synagogue bomber

JACKSONVILLE (AP) - An Orthodox Jew has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for planting a pipe bomb at a Jewish center to try to prevent former prime minister Shimon Peres from speaking.

Harry Shapiro, 31, planted the pipe bomb at the Jacksonville Jewish Center in February and pleaded guilty a month later. The device, found nine days later, was a dud.

"To Mr. Peres, I apologize, for I was wrong in thinking that I should be a part of your punishment," Shapiro said in court. "Your punishment will come from heaven and no

water and the beauty.

man should or will be a part of it." US District Judge Ralph W. Nimmons Jr. sentenced Shapiro for using an explosive to threaten a foreign official, internationally protected person and official guest of

the US government. By pleading guilty, Shapiro avoided an additional federal charge of using an explosive in commission of a crime, which could have sent him to prison for another 30 years if convicted.

Police believe the device was planted Feb. 13, the day of Peres' visit, and missed by security teams. Children found the dud pipe

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Shapiro's attorney, Hank Coxe, maintained his client never intended to detonate an explosive and that, in fact, the pipe bomb was intenconally a dud.

In a three-page statement that Shapiro read in court, he said Peres made secret deals and forced them on the Israelis to further his ambicions and ego.

"When I heard that he was coming to speak, I wrongly assumed that I had the moral obligation of trying to stop that speech by any means possible short of harming someone." Shapiro said.

Guard has right to fly Nazi flag

ALBANY (AP) - A prison guard who flew a Nazi flag on his front porch can't be fired, even if his beliefs "represent the most despicable tendencies of mankind," a state arbiter said in a ruling announced.

Officer Edward Kuhnel was ordered reinstated with full back pay, dating back to his suspension last December when a newspaper published a photo of the Nazi flag flying outside his home.

Arbiter Robert Simmelkjaer found no basis for the suspension because corrections officials could not prove their contention that flying the flag could lead to prison disturbances or personnel

In his decision, made last Friday but announced yesterday, the arbiter said Kuhner "cannot be disciplined for these beliefs even though they represent the most despicable tendencies of mankind, responsible for the holocaust during the regime of Nazi Germany."

Corrections Commissioner Glenn Goord said Kuhner, a guard for 16 years, will be locked out of his job at Eastern Correctional Facility with pay while the state appeals Simmelkjaer's "irrational" decision to state Supreme Court.

"An officer who fans the flames of racism should be fired even if his vile actions do not result in tragedy," Goord said.

At 87, Jacques Cousteau, old man of the sea, dies

PARIS - Veteran French oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau, who revealed the mysteries of the oceans to the world in prize-winning films and fought to protect the environment, died yesterday. He was 87.

President Jacques Chirac mourned Cousteau as an "enchanter," saying he was probably the best known Frenchman worldwide for his pioneering films ranging from the Antarctic ice shelf to the blue lagoons of coral atolls.

US Vice President Al Gore called Cousteau "a hero to men, women and children all over the world" as tributes poured in for a man who was explorer, ecologist, teacher, filmmaker, writer and inventor wrapped together. "He was a giant in every respect," Gore said.

Announcing bis death, Cousteau's foundation said: "Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau has gone to the Silent World this yesterday, June 25, 1997." It gave no cause of death. A memorial service will be held in Paris' Notre-Dame cathedral on

The Silent World was the name of a documentary that won Cousteau the top award at the Cannes film festival in 1956. The film was made with skindiving gear co-invented by Cousteau in 1943, freeing divers from heavy helmets to float as if

ln his trademark sea-blue tunic and red beret, the hawklike Cousteau became internationally famous through books and films, particularly the USsponsored television series The Undersea World of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, first broadcast in 1965.

Cousteau, who spoke English with a thick French accent, toured the world in the Calypso, a converted British minesweeper equipped with a marine labo-

From the Antarctic - huddled up watching penguins in a snowstorm - to the Amazon or the depths of oceans surrounded by colorful fish, Cousteau won a worldwide reputation as a champion of the environment.

He was regularly voted France's most-loved public figure in opinion polls. In a tribute, Chirac expressed "great sadness." "An enchanter has just left us," be said. "On behalf of all

our compatriots, I would like to express my admiration and gratitude to the family of the most famous Frenchman for a life and work in the service of a cause. "This former navy officer was

in the tradioon of the ocean explorers whose life seems so like a legend," he said. In one of his last campaigns.

Cousteau joined international

against Chirac's camera at the age of nine, won a string of prizes for his films, including three Oscars and three awards at Cannes. Detractors called him a publicity-seeker with little scienofic training. Cousteau's most recent invention was a wind-powered

nature, of which he was one of rents and redirect them through the great teachers up to the vents and vanes to propel the craft forward. Bom on June 11, 1910, in the The newspaper Le Monde hailed Cousteau as "Captain of southwestern wine-growing the Oceans" and, drawing on region of Bordeaux, Cousteau Hemingway, entitled his career The Old Man and the Sea. It quoted him as having said: "In

spent his childhood in Paris and New York, and studied at the naval academy in Brest, France. The UN Earth Summit paid tribute to Cousteau vesterday and its chairman called him "one acquired a rudimentary movie of the giants of our time."

of the Earth Summit by saying the world recognized Cousteau "as one of the giants of our time, committed to the welfare of the planet and its environment." French Environment Minister vessel with smoke stack-like devices which suck in air cur-Dominique Voynet told the sum-

Razali Ismail, Malaysian pres-

ident of the UN General

Assembly, opened the third day

mit Cousteau was "undoubtedly the best known Frenchman in the world."

She added: "Today we are saddened of course but we are convinced that the best tribute one could pay Jacques-Yves Cousteau would be to ensure that France as a whole in the future became celebrated for its work to ensure sustainable development" - environmentally-friendly economic growth.



Jacques Consteau

Pacific in 1995.

nuclear testing in the South

Socialist French Prime

Minister Lionel Jospin said:

The planet has lost one of its

best known defenders. Creator

and pioneer of French oceanog-

raphy, he never ceased to pro-

more the richness of subsea

life, there are two vital liquids -

water and money. You have to

use both." Cousteau, who

Impassive Chinese watch British farewell

HONG KONG (Reuter) -

Impassive Chinese crowds watched politely as British marching bands played a musical farewell yesterday to Hong Kong, last remaining outpost of a far-flung empire on which the sun never set.

The Chinese, apparently there from curiosity or sentiment, were in a majority among a 30,000strong audience that packed a Hong Kong stadium six days before Britain hands back to China the territory seized in 19th century Opium Wars.

A lone bagpiper launched into a haunting lament and Britons rose to sing their national anthem, 'God Save the Queen." in a land where the Chinese will regain control of their destiny.

In a free concert, massed bands of the Briosh armed forces heralded the end of a century and a half of colonial rule in Hong Kong. The Chinese, contemplating a new, uncertain future, seemed

bemused as the British chorused

"Rule Britannia, Britannia rules

the waves, Britons never, never. never shall be slaves." Joseph Yeung, who fled to Hong

Kong from the mainland as a child just after the communist takeover in 1949, said: "I do feel sad. That is true." But he was ready to trust the rulers of China today: "We used to worry about the communists but they are more open now." Exporter Patrick Budden, a 20-

vear-resident of this free-market paradise said: "I don't feel any sense of jubilation. I am cautiously negative. The Hong Kong government earlier moved swiftly to allay pub-

lic concern that Chinese soldiers had taken up security duties a week before Britain hands the territory to Beijing. Excited photographers snapped a

contingent of mainland troops at the newly-built June 30 handover venue, believing they were highlytrained security experts inspecting the area.

But they were simply members of a People's Liberation Army caught in the middle of a trade war

(PLA) orchestra set to join the between the world's most popuplanned festivities, the government said, insisting that only police controlled security.

The incident caused a stir - the fourth involving the PLA in Hong Kong in as many weeks, prompting newspapers to suggest the military get media-trained aides to avoid misunderstandings.

Hong Kong's government-inwaiting was handed a twin victory yesterday after the United States extended trading privileges to China and a British attempt to organize a boycott of its swearingin ceremony crumbled.

News that the US House of Representatives had voted to renew Beijing's Most Favored Nation (MFN) trading status for another year was a major boost to Hong Kong, which lives off trade with the mainland.

The new government of Hong Kong, which Britain hands to China in a midnight ceremony, will be freed from fears of being lous and most powerful nations. Separately,

announced that its consul general in Hong Kong would attend the investiture of the Beijing-picked legislature that will push aside a democratically-elected body. US Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright reaffirmed she would still shun the event, but Britain's bid to organize an international boycott lay in tatters. A British Foreign Office

spokesman in Hong Kong indicated that London, too, may relent and send an official - although not visiting Prime Minister Tony Blair or Foreign Secretary Robin Cook.

Pro-democracy legislator Emily Lau cautioned Britain and the US by commenting: "I certainly hope (they) will reconsider the position because it may send the wrong signal. It may give the other side the impression that some people in the US administration actually endorses the setting up of this ille-

Cambodia cool on US bid to try Pol Pot

PHNOM PENH (Reuter) - Cambodia's First Prime Minister yesterday appeared to reject US efforts to bring Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot before an international tribunal, saying the country should not get involved in Cambodia's affairs.

Prince Norodom Ranariddh said the interests of Cambodia were paramount when it came to deciding what should happen to the guerrilla strongman.

"I am very respectful to China and very respectful to the United States but please don't get involved in our internal affairs," the prince

"Everything must be done in conformity with the interests of Cambodia and the peo-

ple of Cambodia," Ranariddh said. He did not elaborate.

The United States was studying ways of bringing Pol Pot to trial on genocide charges, assuming he can be taken into custody, State Department officials said.

China hinted it was opposed to the idea. A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said Pol Pot's fate was an internal affair. "It should be decided by Cambodians them-

selves without foreign interference," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Cui Tiankai told reporters in Beijing.

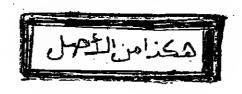
Political analysts said China might be cool to an airing of information about its own dealings

Beijing was a key supporter of the Khmer Rouge 1975-79 "killing fields" regime. The Pol Pot government was overthrown in early 1979 by a Vietnamese invasion.

The war was officially ended with a 1991 treaty, but the Khmer Rouge subsequently reneged on the peace process.

Ranariddh said negoriations on the fate of Pol Pot were continuing yesterday with the Khmer Rouge splinter faction which turned against their aging leader and detained him last week. Ranariddh said yesterday a negotiator was at

the Anlong Veng stronghold in northern Cambodia where Pol Pot was being detained but said there was no time-frame for his handover to the government



Getting a head start

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

I would be interesting to dis-cover the identity of Dan Meridor's barber. Whoever be is, he's definitely not a short--back-and-sides man. Regardless of fashion's dictates, Meridor's hair bas always been poetically long, with wispy bits dancing across his forehead and behind his ears to enhance his youthful appearance.

It's possible that the former finance minister's slightly unruly mop inspired the current trend for short hair styles.

Celebrity stylist Michel Mercier seems to have bor-





in the women's styles. The sideburns are much like Meridor's.

Hezi Yoseph, who operates the Roshem Salon, is in two minds

about whether to have wisps or

tresses trailing on the forehead.

but in both long and short styles,

iries to mainiain a natural.

This comes across with greater

conviction in the long-haired,

upswept but unkempt styles

which are so contrivedly untidy

Trying to achieve that look delib-

erately takes more than a little tal-

ent. If you're doing your own hair

and all else fails, just brush it out.

that the models look as if they

almost windswept look.

just got out of bed.

The just-got-out-of-bed look by celebrity stylist Michel Mercier.

rowed extensively from the Meridor look, with the difference being that the wisps are generally longer and therefore lend themselves more easily to off-the-face styles in which the hair is swept back rather than forward.

Mercier tends to favor hair lengths which are conveniently manageable and styles which are so soft and natural that they can be finger-combed.

His men's styles are slightly reminiscent of Elvis Presley, and the wisps on the forehead are much shorter than those featured as simple as possible.

The end result will make your hair look neater and cleaner.

Yoseph is a little less natural with the short boyish cuts in which the soft-spike bouffancy owes its fullness to some clever back combing and the subtle maneuvering of a hand-held dryer.
The glamorous beehives, large

chignons and heavily sprayed pin curls which enjoyed a grand revival during fall and winter have been put on the back burner for summer. When hair has so be washed almost every day, styles have to be kept as soft and

CAVEAT EMPTOR

A tale of woe with a 'gem' of an ending

BY RUTHIE BLUM

ome tales of consumer woe have happy endings. This one is a "gent." On a visit to Israel from Rome, A.J. and his wife went to Padani Jewelers on Hayarkon Street in Tel Aviv to buy a custommade wedding ring. With them they brought a sample band, purchased in Italy some months before. After describing the desired band in detail (18K gold, size 17), as well as providing the salesperson with the sample, A.J. asked for an estimate of the price. This was given after a visit by the salesperson - equipped with the details of the order - to the laboratory.

The estimate given to the couple in writing was \$300 to \$360. The estimate was written on a standard order form, a copy of which was sent to this column with the letter of complaint. The couple was told to return the following week to collect their ring.

Upon returning to the shop, A.J. and his wife were shocked to learn that the ring would cost \$600, around twice the estimated price. A.J. was furious that nobody had bothered to phone him the moment the discrepancy in price had become apparent. "The phone number where I could be reached was written clearly on the order

form," he wrote indignantly. After a discussion with the salesperson who had taken the order and another shop employee. the following solution was proposed: The couple would pay \$450, and get the VAT returned to them at the airport, on their way out of the country. (Tourists are not required to pay VAT. 1 A.J. turned down this offer, and left Padani's without purchasing the

ring he had ordered.
"I'm very upset that I received such treatment from a jeweler I supposed was one of the most serious in Israel," he said in his letter.

General Manager Ilan Padani apologized, claiming never to have received the letter of complaint. He is also very sorry that the customer had not asked to speak to one of the managers when he came to pick up the ring.

This was a grave error, due to the lack of experience on the part of the salesperson, who was new at Padani's." he said.

According to Padani, the salesperson provided the laboratory with incorrect information about the ring, which led to a low estimate.

Padani claims that though he would lose money by sticking to the original estimate, the customer in this case is absolutely right, and deserves to get the ring at the lower price. Padani plans to contact the couple in Italy and tell them this.

The "pearl" of wisdom to be extracted from this consumer oyster is: Don't back down 100 quickly. In this case, all "putting up a fight" would have meant was demanding to speak to a manager.

THE INDUSTRY and Trade Ministry is cracking down on the bad guys again.

Hundreds of illegally copied videocassenes were discovered by ministry inspectors at a stall on Har Zion Street in Tel Aviv, and at a similar stall on Shoham Street in Netanya. Tel Aviv stall owner Ezri Hai was sentenced to six months' probation and fined NIS 2,500; Netanya stall owner Moshe Daniel was sentenced to three months probation and fined NIS 2,500, plus an additional NIS 7.500 that he owed for having committed a

previous offense. Reproduction of these cassettes. originally distributed by companies such as Forum Films and

Globus Group, is against the law. The raid was a cooperative effort on the part of the ministry and the Council for the Protection

of Cinemalography Works. Meanwhile, the Pinas Hahayal klosk at the Kirya in Tel Aviv was fined NIS 500 for overpricing and for not exhibiting prices, and had to commit to paying an additional NIS 7,500 if the same offense is

repeated in the future. Trade Ministry director of the Tel Aviv-Central Region, Y. Danieli. said he ordered an increase in inspections due to overpricing and failure to exhibit prices.

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The Wild West of England

Castles, ghosts, swirling mists and the stuff novels

are made of await visitors to Cornwall and the West

Country, Michal Yudelman writes

ord St. Levan stands at his castle window nursing a glass of white wine and scanning the blue English Channel far below. The fairyrale castle looms through the misty air atop St. Michael's Mouni, an island of craggy granite rising majestically from the sea to dominate Mount's Bay in

the deep west of Cornwall.

Built in the 12th century as a Benedictine priory, the castle has been home to the St. Aubyn family since 1660. Today, except for a couple of servants, his lordship and Lady St. Levan live alone in the castle on the island. The mount itself is about 450 meters offshore from Marazion village, which claims to be the oldest township in Britain. Small boats ferry tourists between Marazion and Mount's Bay but, with the right tide, it is possible to walk across

The castle's ancient halls and rooms yield a rich history of bloody sieges and holy pilgrimages. Its terraces and towers command a magnificens - and at one time strategically crucial view of Mount's Bay.

Like any self-respecting castle worthy of its past, it even has its own ghost. No need for alarm, our guide assures us, this is a "warm ghost" - a friendly one that does no harm. So if you visit the castle and spot a seedy-looking fellow in period costume donning a cream cravat in one of the corridors you have been warned.

Almost as rare as a glimpse of the castle ghost is a glimpse of the elderly Lord St. Levan, who has his own discreet pathway up the mountain to a private entrance at the castle gate. However, our group of visiting Israeli journalists had the honor of being invited to his private quarters which are surprisingly

In a spacious reception hall, his lordship pours glasses of wine and exchanges pleasantries about commuting to the House of Lords in London (he never stays the night, but returns on the night train), and his various activities including a Boy Scout meeting be has promised to conduct that afternoon ("so sorry I can't stay and chat for longer").

His lordsbip scurries down the steep mountain slope to the waiting boat below and nimbly hops in. Little do the last of the guests coming back from a tour of the castle guess that the white-haired elderly man look-ing after the tiller while the boat-boy collects fares from the passengers, is no less than lord of the castle himself.

This is the West Country. Megavissey, Cornwall. Thatched cottage cream teas, historic castles and magnificent cathedrals are just part of the landscape from the rugged western coastline of Cornwall and back through Devon and Dorset.

Along the south coast to the white cliffs of Dover in the east, run picturesque fishing villages, ancient sites, historic market towns and beautiful gardens. Comwall is a Celtic county and

more in common with Brittany and lreland than England. The county's own Celtic language, Cornish, died out in the 18th century and has

been artificially revived. Inevitably, these seaswept coasts, rolling green landscapes and smugglers coves have inspired authors for centuries. The entire coast of Cornwall

culturally its native people have was a warren of smugglers' coves in the 18th and 19th centuries and Robert Louis Sievenson set Jim Hawkins's first terrifying encounter with Blind Pew and Long John Silver's pirates in Treasure Island in a typical Cornish village inn - the Admiral Benbow.

Then came Jane Austen, Thomas Hardy, and Daphne du Maurier, whose home is one of the attrac-

tions in the town of Fowey, and whose gripping novel Rebecca is quintessential 1930s West Country. Today. John le Carré hides out from Karla and Smiley's lamplighters in the village of St. Levan, his home near Marazion.

Plymouth, the naval gateway to Devon and Comwall, was where Queen Elizabeth I's gallant captain, Sir Francis Drake, calmly played bowls before setting sail to vanquish the Great Spanish Armada. Sir Walter Raleigh also sailed from here, as did Captain Cook of the South Seas, and Plymouth-born Scori of the Antarctic, whose ship Discovery took him on the fate-

ful last run to the South Pole.
The heart of Plymouth is known as the Barbican after the gateway to the castle which once stood on the site. At the entrance to Sutton Harbor are the Mayflower Steps from which the Pilgrim Fathers embarked in the Mayflower to seek a better life in the New World in 1620.

St. Ives is a delightful fishing and resort town, straight from a children's story book - and from the nursery rhyme "as I was going to St Ives, I met a man with seven wives..." The sweet smell of vanilla-butter carame! wafts over its winding alleys. It comes from an infinite variety of fudge - a soft toffee - made from Comish cream.

The westerly tip of Comwall enjoys a sub-tropical climate thanks to the Gulf Stream. This is Land's End and its flora, fauna and bird life combine to create a nature lover's paradise. At the Land of Greeb is a Cornisb coastal farm preserved as it was 200 years ago where visitors can pet the animals.

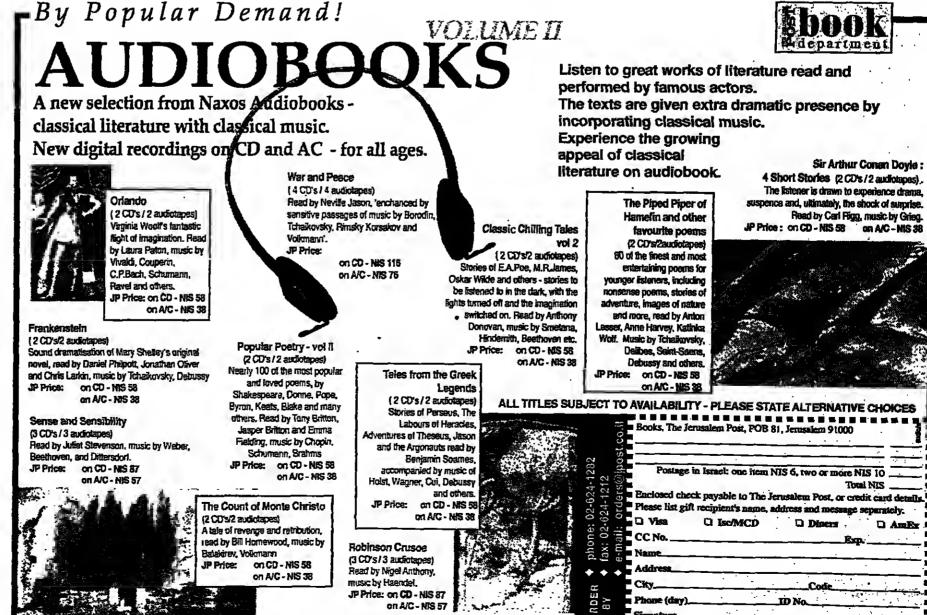
On the northern coast the unfor-giving Atlantic has carved out a stunning coastline. On the bleak cliff stands Tintagel Castle, said to be the fortress birthplace of King Arthur, At nearby Porthcurno, in a stunning clifftop setting, stands the Roman-style open air Minack

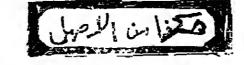
A visit to the West Country is not complete without sampling a cream tea. This is the great English tradition the Empire carried across the world ~ fresh scones served with home-made jam and thick, Comish clotted cream, assorted cream eclairs and buns, and of course the essential pot of strong and piping hot tea. Cream teas are best sampled in village teashops with Laura Ashley decor and a roaring fire.

England's otherwise stodgy cooking has been the butt of jokes for centuries but, it must be said, the times have changed. A recent London Survival Guide notes that the great strength of modern English cuisine is that it has succumbed to the French. All the restaurants we ate in, be it hotels, inns, country houses or pubs, had excellent, rich, varied European fare from paté to pasta, sirloin to shrimp, fish andfowl.

Gatwick has become Britain's busiest airport and is an easy starting point to reach the West plane, train of car From Garwick there are five daily flights to Plymouth and four to Newquay, Comwall's premier holiday resort. There are daily flights from Ben-Gurion Airport to Gatwick. If you're moving on from bere to the West Country, the expanded airport facilities also offer hotel accommodation, an' express train to London and dutyfree shopping, all in the same

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The cost of speculation

following last week's exchange-rate move by the Bank of Israel, has caused consternation to some, it should be viewed as a necessary adjustment that is part of a long-term plan to rejuvenate the economy.

Since last Wednesday, when the central bank announced its new policy of doubling the width of the band within which it allows the shekel to fluctuate, the dollar has appreciated against the shekel by nearly 3 percent, breaking the NIS 3.5

There are a variety of explanations for this fall in the shekel's value. Aside from the obvious effect of altering the exchange-rate mechanism. bankers have also blamed this week's coalitioo crisis as a factor, noting that "markets are averse to uncertainty" and that there is great uncertainty regarding the government's future.

Last week's 1.2% interest rate cut, the expiration of foreign exchange options on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange this week and speculation over Ariel Sharon's possible appointment as finance minister and his history of favoring of fiscally expansive policies, which accelerate inflation, were also seen as reasons for the shekel's fluc-

To add to the confusion, some analysts yesterday were predicting that the shekel might very well appreciate back to its level of last week. The major movers and shakers in the sbekel exchange market - foreign concerns who have bought shekels and invested them in Israeli accounts - are apparently staying mostly on the sidelines, maintaining their shekel investments because the high shekel interest rate is still attractive to them. If the government does not manage to cut the budget, these analysts say, and the prospects for increased inflation consequently reappear, sbekel interest rates will remain high, pushing up the value of the shekel.

Given the disagreements on which direction the foreign currency market will go - and this among professional analysts, many of wbom use highly sophisticated mathematical models to bolster their competing claims - it is understandable that large sections of the public are confused and perhaps even anxious over what is taking place in the sbekel exchange market.

What is going on, in fact, is a large-scale structural changeover in currency movements in Israel, which is related to other economy-wide reforms. The Bank of Israel plans to allow the shekel to be a fully convertible currency next year. Such reform inevitably requires a transition period, with painful consequences for some, and we are now entering this period. Indeed, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel deserves credit for deciding to take these steps, which are in the interest of the long-term health of the Israeli economy.

The current distorted macroeconomic situation cannot be permitted to continue indefinite-

lthough the shekel's recent volatility, ly. The ultimate source of the economy's woes lies in overdrawn state budgets over the past few years. The inflationary pressures inflicted by the deficits forced the Bank of Israel to raise interests rates.

> One of the costs of this policy has been the flood of foreign money into the economy, as foreign speculators took advantage of the bigh local interest rates. It is estimated that in 1996 alone, some \$6 billion in foreign capital flowed into Israel solely due to interest rates. Although it might seem like a good thing for foreigners to seek investments in Israel, it should be remembered that this is "easy-come, easy-go money." When the interest rate level is finally reduced, as it must be to jump-start the economy, the "hot money" speculators will pull their money out and seek other havens for their short-term investments, bringiog about a harmful, rapid outflow of capital.

> In addition, to maintain the shekel exchange rate against the pressures of large scale "hot money" shekel purchases, the Bank of Israel, at great expense to the state coffers, has until now been buying dollars to counterbalance the

> shekel purchase demands. Those who listened carefully to Frenkel's speech last week in which be announced the new exchange rate policy, heard him stress that speculators must now "integrate" risk premiums ioto their decisions regarding currency trading. This is the true import of the new policy. Markets - like individuals - are risk-averse, and would prefer living in a world without uncertainty. But our reality is a dynamic one, and this needs to be reflected in market prices.

Economic reality is determined by billions of individual decisions taken the world over, which no one can possibly keep track of simultaneously. Trying to respond artificially means lagging behind developments. An efficient free market - itself composed of many independent decision makers operating simultaneously - is much better at reflecting this reality, and a situation in which the shekel fluctuates in response to true conditions actually assists corrective market forces to work on improving the strength of the economy. But building an efficient market requires that risk be explicitly taken into account.

There is a consensus today that the ideal conditions for an economy include low rates of inflation and steady, stable growth that provides employment opportunities. Israel bas not reached this plateau. To do so will require first and foremost regaining control over the budget, trade and current account deficits, but establishing an efficient and free curreocy market is also a step towards that goal. Today there is no certainty as to what the exchange rate will be tomorrow, and those wishing to profit through currency speculation bear a real burden of risk which is bow it should be.



Sir. - Now that the US tobacco industry has been coerced into admitting what everybody knew (including its own cynicism), perhaps it is time to turn to the tobacco industry and trade in Israel. "Perhaps," because all Israeli

governments have been as cynical as the tobacco companies. Although the deleterious effects of cigarettes, as well as the addictive properties of nicotine, have been common knowledge for decades, Israeli governments have done little by way of legislation, far less in enforcement of what laws have been introduced, and virtually nothing in terms of education or public information designed to at least confront prospective smokers with the necessity of making an informed choice about the habit. Israeli ministers of health, charged with administration of this minimal legislation, typically have been habitual smokers (one both a smoker and a physician!), uninhibited about smoking in public. I resist the temptation to mention the name of the lady, former minister and leader of a party dedicated to the rights of the individual, and role-model for many young people, who routinely appeared on television exhaling smoke and waving her coffin-nail, oblivious of, or indifferent to, the message she was sending to the as

yet unaddicted youth. Whey has so little been done? Easy. Tobacco sales are taxed and provide an input to the Treasury. In other words, the State of Israel has been farming the bodies of

smokers for tax money. The health funds are complaio- Kiryat Tivon.

ing perennially about their deficits, probably correctly. These same health funds (and the state that subsidizes them) spend hordes of money treating tobacco-related diseases and providing transplants of this or that organ destroyed by years of addiction-ensured exposure to the tars inhaled by smokers (as well as the nonsmokers living or working with them).

Now that the cat is actually seen to be out of the bag, it should not be beyond the creative ability of our politicians to devise a way by which tobacco producers and importers can be made to bear the costs that their product ioflicts on the state, the health funds and passive users, at the very least.

STAN GOODMAN

REPREHENSIBLE

Sir, - Yosef Lapid's total ignorance of Jewish heritage and values can be forgiven, even pitied [example: On television, on June 9, he displayed his superior erudition by berating an opponent: "Aren't you aware of Kant's imperative -One should not do to another, that which one would not like to be done to oneself." Mr. Lapid doesn't know, poor man, that our Nassi, Hillel, enunciated the dictum some 1,800 years before Kant: "That which is hateful to you, do not do to another. This is the essence of the Torah" (Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Shabbat, page

What cannot be condoned. however, is Mr. Lapid's arrogant hate-ridden diatribe, "It just isn't my country any more" (June 13). He fulminated inter alia

against "fasting on strange days." Two of these strange days are Yom Kippur, observed by the Jewish people for 4,000 years, and by the vast majority of Israelis, and Tisha Be'av, the day of mourning marking the anniversary of the destruction of the Temple 1,930 years ago an the loss of Jewisb independence with all which that eotailed in tears, suffering and blood over

the centuries. No less reprehensible is his densive mockery of former IDF Chief-of-Staff, General Ehud Barak, for paying his respects at the Western Wall, remnant of our Temple.

Mr. Lapid writes: "The train is leaving the station, without me." Hop on board, Mr. Lapid!

BEN SHUA

CONSENSUS

Sir, - I take issue with the comment in your leader of June 6 that the broad center in the country feels that territorial compromise must be tried (even if they are not convinced that it will work). Since territorial compromise will be found to weaken Israel strategically and make it more vulnerable in the event of attack, there are many in the country who feel that giving up land when the opposing side has failed to show a commitment to peace (but rather the contrary) would be a very risky gamble.

There are those, of course, especially on the left side of the political spectrum, who think that the gamble should be taken. However, it is a complicated issue, about which there is no broad agreement. There is a consensus in the country only as regards the need for peace but not on how to achieve this goal. RHONA YEMINI

Givatayim.



The phoenix rises, again

t was well after midnight when Ariel Sharon, visiting Russia a formight ago, met with a group of generals and senior commanders from Tamanskaya, the crack

tank division. "You taught us many valuable lessons in tank warfare 30 years ago during the Six Day War, one of them told the infrastructure minister. We had to rewrite our textbooks. What was your secret?" Moshe Dayan felt a similar admiration for Sbaroo, describing him many years ago as the "greatest field commander in Israeli military history."

But Sharon wasn't keen to discuss how he led his reserve force against the crack armored Egyptian division at Um Katef in the Sinai, breaking its resistance with a brilliant, unorthodox maneuver and opening the door for Israel's famous "desert victoin the 1967 war. (America's West Point is just one of the world's military academies teaching Sharon's now-classic strate-

But to Sharon, it's all history. He's much more interested in the

So he told the awestruck Russians: "Let us toast peace, not war. Instead of talking about tanks, let us conclude a deal in which my country uses your natural gas for its energy needs."

Clinching this deal was Sharon's reason for being in Russia. He wanted to "divert" to Israel some of the \$150 billion worth of Russian gas that flows annually to Europe.

As tongues became loosened by the plenteous vodka on hand, a Russian diplomat whispered to Sharon: "I follow Israeli politics closely. How is it that your enemies repeatedly write your obituary and yet, like the phoenix, you rise from the ashes and fly high again?

"We all koow, the diplomat west on, "how in 1973 our protege Anwar Sadat was about to crush you. Yet you turned the tables against him. "Is it true that it took a week for

you to convince your high command that the only way to win the war was to cross the Suez Canal and surround the Egyptians from the rear?

Replied Sharon, "To my everlasting sorrow, it took 10 days. We could have turned the tide of war without so many casualties, had we attacked sooner. But now," he added. "let us talk about peace."

The Russian persisted: "But what about all the times your enemies have written you off?"

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

"At such times," Sharon responded, "I turn to face the pallbearers at my funeral, and fight back. It's as simple as that."

Clearly Sharon's history is mesmerizing to former enemies. The Russian scenario was replayed wbeo Sbaron visited Akaba recently with Prime Minister Netanyahu to resolve the water crisis with Jordan.

Thanks to Sharon's experience as

You can't keep

a good man down. **Especially not Ariel Sharon**

agriculture minister (he has also held the defense, industry and trade and housing and construction portfolios) a deal with the Jordanians was struck within hours.

During the discussions, the Jordanians couldn't stop themselves from asking Sharon about the battle he fought in 1948 as an 18-year-old company commander at Latrun, which was held by the Jordanian Legion.

Remarking that it was indeed a tough assignment for a youngster, Sharon changed the subject to sheep-breeding techniques that could benefit both countries.

URI Dan, one of the writers of this column, has been on friendly terms with Sharon for most of his adult life (as he was with Yitzhak Rabin). He once asked Sharon why he challenged Time over the magazine's publication of lies about him.

Sharon's reply: "I have never sbirked a fight, either for my country, or for my principles." Sharon's court case against Time

"was a great moral victory, even though it could not be proved they were motivated by malice.

"I am also suing Ha aretz for spreading lies in a 1991 article, accusing me of misleading then prime minister Begin during the Lebanon war. As with Time, it was pure character assassination."

Convinced they have a strong case against him, Ha' aretz called Maj.-Gen. Avigdor Ben-Gal, who commanded three divisions in 1982, to detail Sharon's alleged perfidy. They were relying on Ben-Gal's reputation as a war hero who had saved the Golan in 1973 from the Syrians. And up to last Sunday, Ben-Gal

was the darling of the Left. No one could have been fiercer in crincizing Sharon over his alleged misleading of Begin. Then Sunday turned out to be a remarkable day in the life of a man his critics call a has-been.

First, Netanyahu tried to persuade Sbaron to accept the finance portfolio to save a crisisstricken government. Then, virtually simultaneously, Ben-Gal caused near-apoplexy among Ho'aretz's lawyers in court.

They couldn't believe their ears when they heard their star performer confess: Fifteen years ago, I was angry with Sharon for forcing me out of the army. What I said then was rubbish; it was non-

"Sharon didn't mislead Begin. On the contrary, be coordinated and confirmed his plans with the premier before the war even started. All of us who said anything else are guilty of an evil.

"I want to use this opportunity," Ben-Gal said, "to set the matter straight.

The courage needed for this confession converted Beo-Gal instantly from liberals' darling into ultimate traitor. Left-wing circles have already launched a campaign to smear his character, implying sinister reasons for his retraction.

But Ben-Gal has proved himself an officer and a gentleman in the very best sense of the term. To these writers, he said simply. "I did my duty."

Whether or not Netanyahu agrees to Sbaron's demand that he widen his "kitchen cabinet" to include him in deliberations about defense and other vital state interests, Sharon's attitude is clear.

"This isn't an ego trip," he says. "I am deeply worried about our defense io light of the growing Palestinian army in the heart of

"The seriousness of the issue cannot be overstated. I feel I can play a role by being directly involved in the decision-making." Sharon has more experience in running government ministries than anyone else currently in the

cabinet. As that Russian diplomat might have put it: "Woe to him who seeks to bury the phoenix."

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

Officials in Campobasso served

Giuseppe Scirocco, 39, with the

demand at his home. His wife

fainted when she heard the size of

"I'm just a poor vendor," said

Scirocco. "Now they want all that

money and I can't even remember

what a 100,000 lire note looks

(\$48 million).

the bill.

POSTSCRIPTS

mysterious ways...

HUNDREDS OF people flocked to a small Nashville coffee shop to see a "miraculous" likeness of Mother Teresa — on a cinnamon

shape looked like Mother Teresa.

Visitors lined up to stare at the cake, which was put on display in a glass cabinet after a customer who bought it remarked how its

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT

Visitors find lots of surprises in this country, even in the most

unexpected places. Lonnie Rasmussen, a Danish volunteer on

Kibbutz Dalia, was getting dressed for a day in the avocado fields

when this furry little soul popped out of her boot.

The bun was glazed; there was no report on the flavor. As they say, the Lord moves in

AN ITALIAN fruit and vegetable vendor, who said he had stopped paying taxes two years ago because he could not afford them, was giveo a bill for 76 billion lire

> ART, JAPANESE style: "Artist" Keiko Sato suffered the indignity of his masterpiece being mistaken for garbage - lit-

erally. A cleaner in an art gallery came across a pile of cigarette butts and ash, and naturally assumed it was to be swept away. Never mind that he showed rare good judgmeot: the thing was worth thousands.

Meanwhile, Japanese artist Tatsumi Orimoto got his name in the papers by walking around Loodon with four baguettes strapped to his head. Previously, he had spent five years traveling around Europe with a cardboard box on his foot, and a year in New York dragging around a cast-iron bathtub. He says it's his way of communicating. His mother must be very proud.

Woman magozine

Elites

LARRY DERFNER

efore they accuse the liberal Ashkenazi establishment of treating them so badly, the more disaffected Sephardim and Russian immigrants ought to try to see bow they themselves fit

into the picture. Not that the elite doesn't have what to apologize for For decades they condescended to Sephardim, especially to the first immigrants in the '50s. Today, some liberals are too quick to see Russians as criminals and prosti-

But when it comes to looking down on Sephardim, I don't think you'll find this attitude as prevalent among liberal. Ashkenazi, veteran Israelis as you will among Russian immigrants

And, from what I can gather, the stereotyping of Russian immigrants as outlaws isn't as common among the derided Israeli elite as it is among working-class

Am I giving away any secrets? Is it news to report that many Russian newcomers and struggling Sephardim like to badmouth each other?

Further on the subject of racism, shall we talk about popular Russian attitudes toward Ethiopians? Or the monkey sounds that more than a few. Sephardi soccer fans have been known to make when black players get the ball? Or the blanket hatred of Arabs found in so many. Russian immigrants and poorlyeducated Sephardim?

Yet it is in the ranks of the discontented among these two groups, Russian immigrants and Sephardim, that the charge of ethnic discrimination is heard loudest

Why? For the Sephardim, it's the decision to indict Arye Deri in the Bar-On Affair. For the Russians, it's the investigation of suspected Russian mafia leader Gregory Lerner.

The more Deri becomes the symbol of Israeli corruption in the '90s, the more police uncover about the workings of the Russian mafia, so the Sephardi poor and discontented Russian

The politics of victimhood has gone crazy

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immigrants become more convinced the establishment is ont to

Deri and his Russian counterpart in ethnic rabble-rousing, Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Yuri Stern, feel free to make any kind of wild charge about elitist conspiracies because they know it speaks to the resentment in a lot of their supporters, and will likely win over new ones.

The political atmosphere in Israel is wide open to this. The justice system can be accused of systematic racism, any progressive-minded Ashkenazi with a bachelor's degree can be called an oppressor, and no power io Israel is self-confident enough to stand up to it. The establishment goes on the defensive, and prays the shouting will subside.

This is how one of liberalism's strengths - a readiness for selfexamination and self-criticism ~ turns into a weakness.

When liberals come under attack from people who have no use at all for self-criticism, they can be backed against a wall. They get overly apologetic. To a liberal, especially a Jewish liberal, there is oo such thing as too much guilt

SO it is time for the Israeli establisbment to state a few truths clearly:

The justice system is deservedly the honor of this country, and anybody who accuses it of racism is a slanderer. For any and all its sins, Israel

did and still does more for immigrants, regardless of ethnic background, than any other country on earth. The poor can rightly blame the

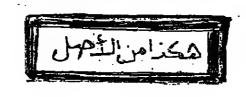
system for failing to do eoough for them, but they have to admit that they bear at least some responsibility for their own lives. The professional elite, while

still dominated by Ashkenazim, is open to everyone. It is based not on ethnicity but on education. And it is swelling daily, thank God, with Sephardim and Russian immigrants.

The politics of victimbood has gooe crazy in this country. It's such a proven winner of a tactic. Shas has built an empire oo it, and politicians like Yun Stern hope to do the same for Yisrael Ba'aliya. They want Sephardim and Russian immigrants, respectively, to construct their identities around their resentments, and they are making great head-

This is a sickness spread by people with very illiberal often racist, inclinations. And nothing gives them courage like the smell of the liberal establishment's fear.

The writer is a journalist living in



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On a Crusade of contrition

A group of Christians is walking across Europe to Israel to apologize for the atrocities performed by Crusaders in the name of Christianity, Haim Shapiro reports.

hroughout history, millions of Christians have regarded the 11th-ceotury Crusades as a glorious epoch. At least one group, however, wants to express contrition for the atrocities committed against Jews, Moslems and others, and to do so they have embarked on a "Recoociliation Walk," following the route taken by their Crosader ancestors.

In a seose the walk is a living history lesson and an expression of the rejection by the group of the violence and atrocities committed in the past. They hope to culminate their walk in Jerusalem in 1999, to mark the 900th anniversary of the fall of Jerusalem to the Crusaders and the ensuing massacre of Moslems, Jews and Orthodox Christians.

Matthew Hand, assistant director of the enterprise, was in Israel recently to begin organizing the logistics of the walk here. The trek began in Cologne in 1996, 900 years after the first Crusaders set out, with the participants carrying a statement



Members of a delegation meet with Greek Orthodox leaders in Istanbul to apologize for the atrocities committed against Orthodox Christians during the Crusades.

of apology and repentance. The participants, he said, are mostly Europeans, with a few representatives from North America. Most are in their 30s or older and many are in groups being led by their local pastors or priests. They included Protestants and Roman Catholics.

On the way, the walkers visited the synagogue of Worms, the scene of one of the first Crusader massacres of local Jews. There they read out their apology in the synagogue, where they were met by a warm response and even tears from representatives of the Jewish community. Hand said he was told that such a gesture had never before been undertaken.

In Cologne, the imam of the largest mosque in the city received their message and sent it to 600 other mosques. The imam also told them that Moslems should make a similar gesture and thus put a stop to the cycle of violence.

The response from both Jews and Moslems had heen most heartening, Hand said. In Istanbul, they met with both the grand mufti and the chief rabbi of Turkey. The deputy mayor held a reception in their honor.

There is no need for any response. We are doing what we need to do," Hand said. "It is for our own conscience, even though we hope to achieve reconciliation."

On the first leg of the trek, which began last smmer, the volunteers made their way from Cologne to Istanbul. On a separate occasion (the walk is not continuous) they trudged from Istanbul to Antalya, the ancient Antioch where one of

the most barbaric Crusader-era slaughters took place.

To make sure that the undertaking had the full understanding and support of local Christian religious leaders, representatives of the enterprise met with them in advance to explain what they intended to do and obtain their approval. He stressed, however, that the expressions of apology and remorse came from Western Christians, since the Eastern churches had also suffered in the

Not Page One A tragic death By Sam Orbaum

alf Kafka, half Kishon or common wisdom has it that we may be an inconsiderate people at the best of times, but at the worst, we're almost heroic in our humaneness.

Which makes the harrowing story of Ruth T. doubly lamentable: it suggests our collective artery to the heart is hardening.

Ruth, together with her sons Ari, 29, Erez, 21, and Dan, 16, recalls with disbelief that day in November 1996 - the day her husband Hillel, 64, an employee of the Industry and Trade Ministry, died near Beit Shemesh, on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv bus. (The names of the family members have been changed.)

There was a knock on the door, and two policemen just walked in, without a word. At first I was scared, I thought they could be terrorists dressed up as policemen.

"They asked if Hillel is my husband, and I said yes. 'He died.' they said. 'Your husband died on a bus.' They had no details. They had to call the station to find out.

They were young, inexperienced, untrained to deal with the situation. They're supposed to send officers with a doctor.

"This was at 4:45 p.m. They said we have to go to Magen David Adom in Jerusalem to get a deathclaim form.

"At MDA, they demanded Hillel's ID card, but we couldn't

non-officers were sent to inform us. "Maybe it was coincidental, but the only policeman who'd go with us was not Jewish - a Druse, or an

"He didn't even know where the morgue was. He asked if I knew. He was very oice, though.

"We finally get to Shamgar [the morgue], at about 9:30, to idenofy the body. By now, we were thinking he's probably not there - that he's sitting at home, wondering where we are. "At Shamgar, some monster start-

ing shouting at us. 'Hey! Not today! We're closed, come back tomorrow!' He was unbelievably rude, a religious man in his 50s or 60s. "He told us all kinds of lies, that

he's not really working there, he has no keys, the place is closed, there aren't any bodies there.

"He said, 'You want to see some dead bodies?'

"He turned his back on us and turned out the lights, leaving us in the dark. He was a vicious monster.

'Anguished, we were about to give up when someone else came in, and this first guy insisted there were no bodies there. He 'proved' it by showing us an empty card file. But I opened a second file and the first card I pulled out had Hillel's name on it.

So suddenly he does work there, and he does have the keys. "He opened the refrigerator room, and we all went in. I can't

They sent the bill addressed to my father - billing him for his own death expenses. Doesn't anyone think over there?

THERE AND THEN

MK Hazan: Torn between ideologies

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

Yorn between his lovalty to the Communist dream and to the Zionist hope, Ya'acov Hazan inspired confidence among his followers and opponents alike. He was, with Meir Ya ari, the undisputed leader of the socialist Hashomer Hatza'ir youth movement, yet Golda Meir, the inexorable Mapai matron, never hesitated to confide to him state matters that she had kept secret even from some of her cabinet ministers. Hazan was aware of the apparent

discrepancy of his various dogmas. but never tried to explain them. Nor did he keep a diary of any sort. He deliberately destroyed letters and notes pertaining to his ideotity, although apparently his wife Bertha saved some of them unknown to Hazan himself. In order to write his biography,

Prof. Ze'ev Tzahor, of Ben-Gurion University, had to rely heavily on the Hashomer Hatza'ir archives in Givat Haviva. Tzahor says gratefully that he believes he may well have been the first outsider permitted to use them. The result is Hazan, Tnu'at Haim ("Hazan, a Biography," published by Yad Ben-Zvi and Yad Ya'ari, 322 pp).

Hazan's father, a popular speaker in several Warsaw synagogues, was elected to the Sixth Zionist Congress, where he defended Herzl's call to think about the possibility of settling in Uganda while waiting for opportunity to settle in Palestine. He continued to press for Uganda after Herzl had relented and agreed to refer the issue to a committee. Ya'acov's father, Haim Yehuda Hazan, died young from an infection he contracted as a result of a tooth extraction, when Ya'acov was only six years old. Haim Yehuda's family had come from an agricultural settlement io southern Russia and were possibly

of Khazar background. Hazan's mother was born in Lithuania and remained strictly religious throughout her life, even when she lived on her son's kibbutz. Hazan himself attended a heder, until, at the age of 14, he told his mother that he was no longer religious. She remained silent for a moment, then asked him to promise he would never berate the faith. "I oever became



MK Ya'acov Hazan was a confident of Golda Meir.

antireligious," coofessed Hazan later. "I was just areligious",

Like many of his comrades in school, Hazan joined the Hashomer Hatza'ir youth movement, which was then manifestly an educational framework without definite political associations. These came about only a few years later, under the influence of the Russian Revolution and the prevailing socialist trends in central Europe.

Eventually, the Bolshevik model of seizing power was adopted by Mapam, the party into which Hashomer Hatza'ir evolved on the eve of the War of Independence. A secret organization formed within the Kibhutz Artzi (Hashomer Hatza'ir) kibbutzim hoping to take over power by a revolutionary act.

Though Hazan preferred to cooperate with Mapai, he was appointed head of this clandestine organization, which existed for 18 months. It made inroads into the armed forces, and stacked weapons in secret hideouts, in a similar way the Hagana used to

cooceal arms from the British police. However, Isser Harel, Ben-Gurion's head of security services. got wind of the process and ohtained Ben-Gurion's permission to secretly observe the Mapam leaders. A microphone was hidden in Meir Ya'ari's desk. Apparently, Prof. Tzahor assumes, Ben-Gurion coosidered that Ya'ari, the Marxist-Leninist ideologist, was as good as lost for Ziooism; but

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Hazan still put Zionism above all. No written record exists of the meeting between Harel and Hazan, but soon after the meeting, all clandestine groupings in the

army were disbanded. Moshe Sneh, a former General Zionist who had joined Mapam, worried Hazan. A hrilliant speaker, Sneh destroyed the balance between Hashomer Hatza'ir and Ahdut Avoda components of

Mapam, pushing it leftwards. Hazan noticed that Sneh was often invited to social functions at the Soviet Embassy in Tel Aviv, which Hazan and Ya'ari had also regularly attended. Documents made public after

the dissolution of the Soviet Union reveal that Sneh was passing important confidential informatioo on the Israel Defense Forces to the second secretary of the Soviet embassy, writes Tzahor. Hazan's relations with Sneh cooled steadily. One night in 1951 as they talked, walking through the streets of Jerusalem, Hazan realized that their paths had separated. Soon after, Sneh openly became Communist.

Twenty years later, when Sneh felt he was nearing the end of his life, he requested to meet Hazan privately. Did he ask to be forgiven? We shall never know since Hazan never told anybody in his entourage what was said.

One afternoon in 1949, Hazan shocked the Knesset, declaring his "second fatherland" was the Soviet Union. Apparently he bimself was dumbfounded with the immediate reaction in the house, for he insisted that he be allowed to "correct" the official minutes before they were released to the press. Later, Hazan maintained that anyone aspiring to perfection had "a second fatherland": the prophets pointed to Jerusalem, the intellectuals of the ancient world to Athens But he did not like to be reminded of the incident in sub-

sequent years. He was nearly 90 when he was awarded the Israel Prize.

get that from the police until we got the form - and they wouldn't give us the form to get his possessions, including the card ... until we got the card! It was ridiculous, a classic Catch-22. "They were unable to sort it

out. We talked to the doctor, the paramedic, the clerks, we negoti-ated with the Belt Shemesh police from MDA.

"No doctor came and spoke to us, it seemed like without the ID card they weren't interested io dealing with us. We sat there for over an hour, completely ignored.

"Then I found a friend who's an ambulance driver at MDA. Through this protektaja, somehow, MDA was now able to give us the form."

"I asked the paramedic who treated Hillel if he was given defibrillation [to revive the heart] and she said no, because it was definitely not a heart problem. That was really strange: even a doctor could not have said, at that point, it was not his heart. The paramedic was kied of arrogant, unsympathetic; she talked about Hillel's death very casually.

"Only later did we find out there were two ambulances there, and they had done defibrillatioo. But MDA didn't know anything; they only knew how to send us the bill. "And by the way, they sent the

bill addressed to my father - billing him for his own death expenses. Doesn't anyone think over there? To this day, the cause of death is still unknown. Everyone had a different version of what happened.

"If oot for the chaos, I would have suspected they were trying to cover up something. They told us such bizarre stories, hits and pieces of contradictory information. "Because of all the confusion, and

the fact his car and wallet couldn't be found, we began to think maybe they were wrong; that maybe someone stole the car and wallet, and maybe it was he who was dead. The police never found the wal-

let. You know why? Because it was in Hillel's pocket! Some investigators, eh? The hevra kadisha [burial society) found it there. "Another thing was the time of death. At Beit Shemesh they told

us 4:00, but that made no sense because he wouldn't be going to work [in Tel Aviv] at that time, which made us more certain someone else had died. The death certificate said it was 1:30; but it turns out it bappened at about 12. "Theo we had to go to the

Russian Compound [Jerusalem police HQ] and from there with a policeman to the Shamgar morgue to identify the body. "At the Russian Compound, they

didn't want to escort us. They argued, in front of us, who should take us. Three policemen refused. They called another and he refused. The officer in charge ordered someone to go and he also refused! They had to call a high-ranking officer at home, at night, to give specific orders. They argued like this for maybe 40, 45 minutes, while we're sitting like idiots.

"Again, we were supposed to be given an officer, but they said they'd waive the rule in order to give us somebody. It was from this same station, remember, that two

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describe our feelings in that place, it was like a scene from a horror movie. 'Quick, quick' he said, and pulled back the sheet for a second and put it back. This was the moment of truth, and he wouldn't even let us look. Theo he turned off the lights again, while we're in this refrigerator room!

"He shouted at us to go away, get out. Such inhumanity!

"Back to the Russian Compound, at about 10:30. Hurry, they said, go to Beit Shemesh, they're waiting for us until 11. Luckily we decided to call before going. Of course, there was nobody there. They had closed early.

"Apparently when someone dies in a public place, automatically there's a police investigation; until they close the file, you can't bury the body.

"The next day, Ari and Erez went to Beit Shemesh. More confusion. More waiting. More callous shouting.
"Then another delay: they had to

track down the bus driver, they'd forgotten to question him! Finally, because I happen to know one of the guys in the police station there - again through lucky protektsia the 'impossible' became possible: they closed the file without even contacting the driver.

Then there was the Health Ministry. They needed a copy of the death certificate - and said we should go out into the street to find a photocopier. Really! It's a government office, and they wouldn't let us make one copy, even in the case of a death! Like it was costing the workers personally. In the end, Dan saw his friend's mother working there, and she made us a photocopy.

"If not for protektzia, we might still be waiting in MDA to this day.
"After all this, of course, we had to arrange a funeral - which was already delayed by a day because of the bureaucratic runaround.

"The hevra kadisha, despite their bad reputation, was actually the most sensitive. "We know what really happened

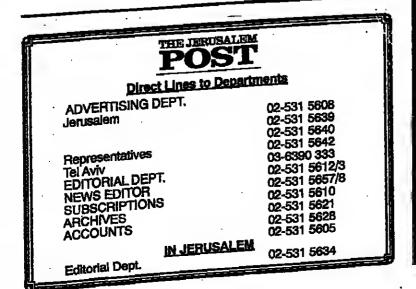
only because two passengers later called us. Dan's friend's father works with somebody who mentioned he was delayed because someone on his bus had died; his version was corroborated by a woman soldier who contacted us. These two strangers were the only ones who told us a matching version. Everyone else had a different story.

"To make the story even stranger, three months after the death, we got a call that Hillel's car, which we'd reported stolen, had been found. A routine police patrol found a very dirty car, which makes it suspicious.

"And where was this suspicious car all this time? The parking lot of the heavily guarded Foreign Ministry! You can't even get an envelope past the front gate, but no one there notices an abandoned car for three months!

"All along the way, we never felt anyone was taking care of us. We were in a vacuum. The lack of sensitivity, of organization, the failure of people to do their jobs properly, the torment rubbed into our grief it was shocking.

"It was like the first time anyone in this country died, and no one knew what to do."



BUSINESS

Yishai: '97 jobless rate might hit 8.5%

Unemployment this year could well hit 170,000, or 8.5 percent of the workforce, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai

As a result, Yishai is calling on the Treasury for an additional NIS 105 million to expand the number of professional training courses currently on offer.

In order to discuss unemployment in greater detail. Yishai is also proposing the creation of an inter-ministerial committee comprising the directors-general of the Prime Minister's Office. Treasury, Industry and Trade and his own ministry. Unemployment reached 7.3%, or 160,000 people, in the first

quarter, according to Central Bureau of Statistics data published

Skapinker launching local start-up

Mark Skapinker, a founder and former president of Delrina Corp., has established a Kfar Sava-based start-up to develop software for the Internet, according to Les Abelson, the company's vice president for operations and finance.

Known as Balisoft, the company's goal is to create software that will make using the Internet more efficient and user-friendly, Abelson said.

In 1995, after building the Toronto-based Delrina Corp. into a leading manufacturer of software for personal computers.
Skapinker and his two partners sold the company to Symantec for more than \$400 million.

Skapinker then decided to visit Israel and find a way to leverage the country's skilled workforce, said Abelson. Skapinker will establish the company's marketing channels in North America. Jennifer Friedlin

Livnat, Bezeq clash over price-cut notice

By JUDY SIEGEL

Communications Minister Limor Livnat lashed Bezeg International yesterday for sending notices to customers about overseas rates "reduced by up to 80 percent" in its existing rates starting July 1.

On that date, Bezeg International ceases to be a monopoly and faces competition from two consortia that won tenders, Barak and Golden Lines.

The two competitors have not officially announced their rates, but they committed themselves to certain prices in their bids for the Communications Ministry

Livnat stated that by jumping the gun. Bezeq International "violated regulations and its authority by lrying to detour around the ministry, which is the only body charged with approving overseas rates.

The policy of the ministry and the minister is to ensure there will be true competitioo in cheap prices for the good of the consumer," Livnat's spokeswoman

"On July 1, real competition among the three will begin and every consumer will enjoy free choice at cheap prices.

She added that the ministry will "take action to ensure that Bezeq International's rates are according to the policy of the tender and won't harm competition."

Ori Yogev, Bezeq International's maoaging director, said notices to customers presenting its drastically reduced rates were indeed mailed out, "but in them we stated clearly they were dependent on approval by the ministry. These negotiations over rates are currently being conduct-

Because some of these notices reached journalists, "the information leaked out, and we decided to issue a press release listing the suggested rates," added bis spokeswoman.

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Police: Israel is a global money-laundering center

By DAVID HARRIS

It is now well established in international criminal circles that Israel is an easy site for money laundering. Serious Crimes Investigation Unit Supt. Yehuda Twersky yester-day told the Knesset Banking sub-

Sub-committee chairman Avi éhezkel (Labor) yesterday launched investigations into the source of money entering the country and the checks made on foreigners wanting to become active in the domestic banking sector.

While the police have so far been unprepared to release figures, Yehezkel said he understands the trade could be worth an annual \$4 billion to \$5b. "We simply don't have specific sums," said Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles. The inflow of this form of capital

is not just from Russia and the other former Soviet states, but from across the world, particularly South America and Europe, according to

"Israel is being used as a transit station for this money," said Twersky. "We don't have any information to suggest that Israel is being used as a final destination for drug money or any other similar sources."

There is also evidence of bribery of banking officials, alleged Twersky, but he refused to enter into details.

Yehezkel has raised this issue at a particularly sensitive time, given the ongoing trial of Zvi Ben-Ari (formerly known as Gregory Lemer), suspected of committing an \$85 million bank fraud in Russia, bribing civil servants and public figures here, and violating tance the debate from the Ben-Ari

Yehezkel asked Abeles if he felt new legislation is required to supervise the entry of foreigners to the

banking system.

Abeles pointed out that over the last three years an inter-ministerial team has been working to pass appropriate legislation and that the bill has recently entered the parliamentary framework.

There is a feeling amongst some

MKs that there is little communication between the Police and Supervisor of Banks over checks on those entering the banking system and consequently additional legislation is required.

When investors are looking to purchase a share in banking organizations we demand to know about

All participating in yesterday's their integrity and financial status," Knesset debate were at pains to discapital must be two or three times the size of the actual investment." Abeles also denied that anybody

can obtain a license to operate here. "This is not like Cyprus or the Caribbean islands, where it is possible to obtain a license with ease," he said, "When there has been a need, we have hired companies to investigate or used police across the world to make checks."

If a couotry will not provide all the information sought, Israel will not grant a license, added Abeles.

Yehezkel said he intends pressing for the introduction of rules forbidding politicians from pressuring the Supervisor of Banks to grant such licenses. He also called on the Police to provide more information on money laundering, including the sums of money involved.

is upset with Ben-Gal's efforts to

promote privatization at IAJ. They

said that IAI director-general

Moshe Keret opposes discussing

privatization until he obtains gov-

"The question is how long will

Ben-Gal stay at IAI under the cur-

Meanwhile, more labor unrest

erupted yesterday - this time at

Rafael, the armaments develop-

ment authority. Rafael employees

are demanding an intensification

of their current dispute with man-

agement on grounds that the

Defense Ministry unit is offering

Rafael had been scheduled to

tum into a government company

on July 1, a deadline officials said

But executives said that from

March I new workers are no

longer being employed by the cur-

rent authority but by a new body

personal contracts to workers.

rent circumstances of mistrust?"

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one source said.

will not be met.

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Shekel settles at 3.52 to dollar

Jerusalem Post Staff

The shekel settled at 3.524 to the dollar yesterday, following a trading day calmer than those that have characterized currency trading since last week's alter-ation of the exchange-rate meck-

The Barik of Israel's basket of leading foreign currencies yesterday reached a new bigb of NIS

3.8355, 0.56% more than the previous trading day.

Though yesterday's fluctuation did amount to another 0.52% depreciation of the shekel – a total depreciation of 2.5% so far this week - trading lacked the previous day's sharp volatility, which saw the dollar first soar to NIS 3.6, and then plunge all the way to just above NIS 3.5.

Bankers estimated yesterday's foreign currency demand at some \$250 million.

A major component in the orders handled by the banks appears to be aimed at repaying dollar-denominated loans taken by short-term investors who had hoped to benefit from the gap. betweeo local and foreign interest

The central bank did not interfere in yesterday's trading. Since the currency basket's rate ended the day nearly 3% above the newly defined diagonal mechanism's bottom limit, analysts said chances are slim that Governor. Jacob Frenkel will have reason to intervene in currency trading in the upcoming days.

Tnuva discussing purchase of foreign know-how

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Food cooperative Tnuva is currently negotiating with several undisclosed foreign companies to acquire technological know-how that will help the company lower production costs, Yitzhak Lidor, manager of the milk products division, said yesterday.

"This is a definite trend," said Lidor. "We need to buy the knowhow in order to lower the cost of developing new product lines."

The company's first know-how agreement was with the Swiss milk products conglomerate Emmi. As a result of the deal. Tnuva will release a new line of yogurts under both companies"

The yogurts are expected to go on sale Friday.

Lidor would not say how much Tnuva, which invested \$10m. in the development of the new line, paid Emmi for the production information.

The company expects to earn \$5m. from the new line, but could not quantify the amount of money it expects to save by employing the new production methods.

Tnuva, Israel's fourth largest company, which recently onderwent changes in its top management following the revelation that the company was adding silicone to its long-life milk, controls more than 50% of the milk, chicken, egg, and fruit markets.

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Pelted by imports

A Russian worker displays fox pelts in a storage room at the fur farm in Zoltikovsky, 25 km east of Moscow. Since the beginning of the 1992 reforms, Russian fur production had dropped and Russia has moved from being a traditional exporter of furs to a major consumer of furs from the world market.

N.E. Patriots' owner invests \$40m. in Caesarea plant

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The owners of Carmel Container Systems, Israel's largest packaging company, invested \$40 million in a new plant in Caesarea, Robert Kraft, the company's Boston-based major shareholder, said yesterday.

Kraft, who also owns the New England Patriots football team and the Foxboro Stadium, said the investment was necessary in order to "bring the company into the new millennium.

The money went to building the new plant and equipping it with the most advanced technology available, Kraft said. The company, which employs 700 people, does not expect to increase its work

Kraft says the investment was necessary in order to ensure that Carmel will continue to dominate the packaging market. The compa-oy currently holds a 50 percent market share.

To survive, most export company's need packaging and we are the only full-service packaging company in the country," said Kraft, adding that his company offers graphics and special packaging for everything from citrus products to sensitive machinery.

The investment allowed the company to purchase the most advanced technology, which in turn will allow Carmel to keep down

While Kraft is satisfied with Carmel and his local partners, he says his other attempts to do business in Israel were not as success-

As the owner of the Foxboro Stadium, Kraft was able to help negotiate terms for bringing per-formers such as Guns 'n Roses, Elton John, and Madonna to Israel. However, the lack of infrastructure made the venture cumbersome. Israel does not have a good tick-

eting system and there really isn't a proper venue besides the one in Ramat Gan," Kraft said. "In this case, it was also hard to

find good local people" to deal

Officials: Labor unrest might hurt defense industries' income

By STEVE RODAN

The government is concerned that labor unrest in the stateowned defense industries could upset forecasts that they would turn profitable in 1998, a Defense Ministry official said yesterday. According to the Defense

Ministry, the state-owned companies are projecting a three-percent profit on 1998 sales. But this, the official said, depends on a stable shekel and labor costs.

"The demonstrations and the walkouts are causing us to lose sight of our goals," the official

The assessment was issued as Israel Aircraft Industries returned to a normal work schedule yesterday. The workers's committee at IAI decided to heed an appeal by Minister Defense Yitzhak Mordechai to end two days of demonstrations outside IAl's plant headquarters at Ben-Gurion

The demonstrations were aimed at IAI chairman Avigdor Ben-Gal, who had acknowledged that he had discussed the prospects of an eventual merger with Lockheed Martin earlier this month in Paris. Ben-Gal, however, said he did

not initiate the talks and told Lockheed executives that structural changes at IAI await government approval. In a statement released late Tuesday, the Defense Ministry

called on IAI's management and union to resolve the current dis-The statement said both

Mordechai and ministry directorgeneral Ilan Biran "called on all to return to full work. They made it clear that they view with gravity any unseemly behavior. Also, both the minister and the director-general made it clear lately at the Paris Air Show that circumstances are still oot ripe [for privatization

Defense sources said Mordechai

El Al adopts new plan for aircraft replacement

By HAIM SHAPIRO

El Al is to buy up to 10 new airplanes (five medium-sized and five small) as the central plank of its new strategic program, company general manager Yoel Feldschuh and chairman Joseph Chiechanover announced yesterday.

We want to increase the number of flights, not necessarily the num-ber of seats," Feldschuh said. In talking of medium-sized

planes that could take long-haul routes, he cited the new Boeing 777 as a possible option. If the company were buying one plane, it would not make sense to buy a product for which it had no parts. However, for five or six planes, the company saw no need to consider only Boeing. Other compa-

and McDonnell Douglas. Although it welcomes all passengers, El Al sees its major market as Israelis going abroad, rather than foreign tourists coming to Israel,

"We understand them. We speak their language. They are us, and we answer their needs," Feldschub told a press conference at Ben-Gurion Airport, relating to the strategic planning of the company toward privatization.



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By JENNYER FREELD

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The US, be said, was prepared to compensate Israel for the requisite territorial concessions.

"We regard Israel as an ally," he said. "We want to work with it, not against it."

He said the US has "an iron-clad commitment to Israel's security. We are contemplating two new

actions as a demonstration of that commitment," he went on, bot refused to elaborate.

He predicted more and bigger allocations for the joint development of the Arrow anti-missile missile and the Nautilus anti-rock-

Looking back on his ome here, Indyk described the Rabin assassination as "the biggest disappointment" he experienced during his stint as ambassador.

"Each time we moved forward on the Syrian track, others wanted to move too," Indyk recalled. "This turned the focus away from the Syrian talks and took up time."

One of the effects was to raise Assad's suspicions and lead him to suspect that Israel wanted to keep Syria preoccupied while it dealt with others -- presumably meaning

The premise for his optimism at the time was that "Israel was willing to pay the price," he said, and there was a clear commitment by Assad to reach peace agreement with Israel."

However, the assassination occurred, time ran out, and an opportunity was missed, he went

Rabinovicb generally supported Indyk's assessment.

"I also felt at the time that in the eyes of the Clinton administration, peace between Israel and Syria was the priority, that the Clinton administration saw it as a crucial step towards Arab-Israeli reconcil-

He noted, however, that though much progress was made during Rabin's ome, "there still was a wide gap separating the two positions. It is futile to speculate what would have happened in 1996 if Rabin had survived."

"In percentage points

Rabinovich said that when Sbimon Peres became prime minister he indicated his willingness to move ahead if Assad would do the same. But Assad's response was disappointing, he went on, noting that it was a major factor in Peres' decision to hold the nation-

al elections ahead of schedule. Hillel Kuttler contributed to this

World Bank tries to combat unemployment problem in Gaza, West Bank

BY STEVE HUDAN

The World Bank will next mooth present a plan to increase funding to non-government organizations [NGOs] in an attempt to combat unemployment in the Palestinian Authority areas.

Al Khadr, deputy representative of the World Bank in Gaza and the West Bank, told a threeday conference yesterday in Gaza that his institution will request approval from its board for a plan funded by Italy and Saudi Arabia to aid NGOs in social programs.

At the same time, the World Bank has launched a \$10 million program for community projects. About 30 percent of the

funding would come from as half of the workforce. ipal and village conocils involved in local projects.

"If you don't get local input. what you often end up with is dilapidated infrastructure for any project," Khadr said. "The idea is to get the councils and villages inside the decisionmaking process."

At the conference sponsored by the World Bank, Khadr presented Palesrinian official statistics of unemployment in the West Bank and Gaza that ranged from between 17% and 33%, depending on Israeli closure of the territories. He said, however, that underemployment and those who have given up looking for jobs can augment the unemployment figures to include as many

dence of discouraged workers, people who would normally be in the labor force," Khadr said. But because they are inexperienced or under other circumstances they have stopped looking. Once you add unemployment to underemployment to discouraged workers you could easily get to balf the work-

Khadr said that at one point the World Bank, through the Holst Fund of donor nations it administers, created as many as 16,000 fulltime jobs last June. The bank maintains labor-intensive programs in public works, but that money is running out. At the conference, participants

discussed the role of community

development to help create jobs the strip Gazans must focus on producing small businesses and jobs that do not depend on export to or import from Israel and thus be hurt every time the IDF imposes a closure to prevent terrorism.

"There is plenty that we could do in the area of vocational training and small businesses," said Rabbi Bruce Cohen, international director of Interns for Peace, which bas established a branch in Gaza.

Cohen said Palestinian selfhelp projects should be established for women and young people that don't depend on access to Israel. This includes local manufacturing and the establishment of community centers for training.

Row over monetary union grows testy within Kohl's coalition His response prompted another outburst from Stoiber.

BONN (Reuter) - A smoldering dispute in Germany about Europe's planned single currency flared into the open yesterday when a hardline conservative traded insults with a party leader in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition.

Bavaria State Premier Edmund Stoiber, who was rebuked recently by Kohl for his ominous warnings against softening membership criteria for the euro, accused the chairman of the centrist Free Democrats (FDP) of betraying the public's trust.

FDP head Wolfgang Gerhardt, but also aimed silently at Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), Stoiber said his Christian Social Union (CSU) would put up "fierce resistance" to any attempt

Stoiber said the CSU, rightwing sister party of the more moderate CDU, would not tolerate any country joining the economic and monetary union (EMU) with a budget deficit above 3 percent of gross domestic

from Gerhard Schroeder, the leftleaning premier of Lower Saxony and widely considered the leading challenger to Kohl in next year's general elections.

are not observed, "this would amount to breaking a promise...The stability promise is for me more important than the

Zeitung newspaper, drew an instant rebuke from the FDP (Free Democrats), junior partners

in Kohl's ruling alliance.
FDP leader Wolfgang Gerhardt
accused Stoiber of "anti-euro populism" and said Stoiber and Schroeder of the Social Democrats were whipping up talk of a delay to the single currency

project due to begin in 1999. Opinion polls regularly show about two-thirds of the German population opposed to trading

mentioning is the devastating effects a delay or abandonment of the common European currency would have for industry and jobs in Germany," Gerhardt said.

Treaty on monetary union.

"If Gerbardt is now calling the strict interpretation of the stability criteria something openly anti-European, he is turning against the long-held German position that a relaxation of the criteria is

signed a declaration io parliament on December 2, 1992 that assured there would be a "strict and narrow" interpretation of the Maastricht criteria.

euro-sceptic wbo cloaks bis opposition to Brussels by insisting the single currency be as strong as the deutschemark. Stoiber rejects that view and says he is merely trying to ensure the euro is as stable as the mark.

"A eoro that is permanently stable is in Germany's interests," he said. "To pursue a course of relaxing the standards would lead to a union of inflation and debt, and harm our natioo and ultimately European integration."

Congress readies amended foreign aid bill

The House of Representatives was due yesterday to complete its "mark-up" of amendments to the 1998 foreign assistance bill.

on the bill late Tuesday afternoon, providing for the continuation of Israel's \$1.8 billion in military aid, \$1.2b. in economic assistance, and \$80m. for refugee resettlement.

\$250m. in aid to Jordan, which is far more than the \$70m. for which the administration asked.

mittee chairman Mitch McConnell also removed the earmark of Egypt's \$2.1b. aid package due to dissatisfaction with Cairo's role in the peace process and his charge that Egypt is seeking to "cozy up"

to the bill, however, when it reaches the Senate floor after the holiday break for US Independence

TASE ROUNDUP

Shares decline on political concern

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By ROBERT DANIEL

Stocks declined yesterday, led by Bank Hapoalim, Discount Bank and Koor Industries Ltd., amid concern about the government's planned cabinet shuffle. Gaining stocks included Bank

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Leumi, the most active issue, and gasoline refiner and marketer Delek Israel Fuel Corp. The "political

unnerves investors, said Dan Kitri, senior consultant at Bank Otsar Hahayal in Tel Aviv. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is discussing with

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon the possibility of taking the Finance Ministry post Sharon "is not the best choice," Kitri said. The Maof Index of 25 most trad-

ed issues fell 0.83 percent to 295.67, while the Mishtanim Index of 100 top stocks declined 0.53% to 288.02.

The Maof touched a record 305.83 on June 18. The Mishtanim hit its high of 296.91 on June 22.

Bank Leumi, the most-active stock, advanced 1.5% as it traded NIS 16.9 million worth of shares. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 171.7m. worth of shares traded. That's 25% below the month's daily average

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shares gained for every two that State-controlled telecommunications provider Bezeq fell 1.75% 10 9.34. After the market closed. Bezeq announced it plans to cut long-distance phone rates as much as 80% and that the plan might

of NIS 229.3m. Nearly three

The cut is designed to ensure that Bezeg remains competitive when two new long-distance providers start operating in the coming days. (Bloomberg)

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

European stocks end higher, Dow turns up

LONDON (Reuter) - European notably stronger after Compagnie stock markets ended higher yesterday, led by a near three percent surge in French stocks to a record

inched up against the yen and steadied versus the mark after stronger than expected US May existing home sales. Despite lower US bond prices,

the Dow managed to overcome opening losses yesterday and extend Tuesday's surge. The dollar's rebound, coupled with Wall Street's relentless strength, helped power France's blue-chip CAC-40 index up 82.68 points to close at

French banking shares were

Bancaire offered to buy out its units Cardif and Locabail for a maximum three billion francs (\$515 million).

In currency markets, the dollar The Dow's turnaround also fuelled buying in German shares, with the IBIS DAX index hitting an all-time high of 3,820,94 io electronic trading. The DAX index, which covers floor trading

> close of 3,798.51 points, up 42.69. London's FTSE-100 index ended near its session high, buoyed towards the close by the Dow's rally, Glaxo and Zeneca Group Pic rose on the back of US drug shares, while bank stocks gained on bid hopes.

only, also scored a record high

WALL STREET REPORT

Stocks fall as crude oil prices jump

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue-chip stocks ended with double digit losses yesterday as the market was stunned by a jump in crude oil prices and weakness in bonds. The Dow Jones industrial average ended 68.08 points lower at 7,689.98, giving back a large chunk of Tuesday's 153-point gain. In the broader market, declining issues led advances 15-12 on heavy volume on the New York Stock Exchange. The Nasdaq index lost 6.19 to 1,446.24.

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Y MARKETS

SAME STORY

In withering remarks aimed at to dilute eligibility criteria.

product (GDP). Stoiber got unlikely support

"There may be good reasons to debate the economics about whether the stability criteria need to be followed or not," Schroeder told MDR radio. "But the federal government made a promise about [monetary] stability to the German people." Schroeder said if the stability criteria as laid down in the Maastricht Treaty

timetable." Stoiber's remarks, published in Frankfurter Allgemeine

their marks in for euros. What both of them are not

In an unusually blunt statement, Stoiber said Gerhardt would be breaking earlier promises to Germans that the single currency would be accompanied by a strict interpretation of the stability criteria established in the Maastricht

not possible," Stoiber said. He added that the FDP bad also

Stoiber is widely regarded as a

By HILLEL KUTTLER

The Senate concluded its work

The Seoate bill earmarks In a controversial step, subcom-

Egypt's funds could be restored

The bill also conditions US aid to Russia on its ending nuclear cooperation with Iran.

matches still to be played.

As a result of the mounting

backlog, the referee's office said

play on Center Court and No. 1

Court would start two hours earli-

er at nonn today, while matches

on the outside courts would be

brought forward one hour.
With the forecast calling for

more wet weather the rest of the

week, referee Alan Mills was

faced with a daunting task of jug-

ing drastic measures yet.
We can take one or two days

Mills said he wasn't consider-

"Obviously, it compacts the

program later on. But we have the

time to finish on time given a fair

There was speculation that offi-

cials would consider scheduling

matches on the middle Sunday, a

break with tradition that has

occurred only once, in 1991 after

But officials appeared more

likely to consider extending the

tournament beyond the second

week. That has happened several

times recently, including last year

when the semifinals and finals of

the womeo's doubles were held

on the third Monday.

As the rain fell, thousands of

fans milled around the complex,

sbelteriog under umbrellas and

ponchos, munching on strawber-

ries, drinking Pimm's and cham-

pagne, and buying souvenirs at the official Wimbledon merchan-

Thousands of spectators who

This time, there was no Cliff

Last year, the British singer

lined up to get tickets stood for

hours in the rain until they were

Richard to entertain the crowd.

gave an impromptu concert on Center Court that had several

women players joining in a cho-

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of this," he said.

Seles wins first-round match

WIMBLEDON (AP) - The rain finally let up long enough for Monica Seles to win her firstround match yesterday at Wimbledon.

After waiting four hours for the Center Court match to start and then stopping for another 40 minules when she was within two points of victory, Seles completed a 6-0. 6-2 victory over Rachel McQuillan.

In the only other match completed on the third day, third seed Jana Novoina downed Germany's Willrud Probst 6-4, 4-6, 6-0 on No. 1 Court.

It took the second-seeded Seles 45 minutes to go ahead 6-0, 5-2, with match point on McQuillan's serve. The Australian saved it with a forehand volley to bring it back to deuce.

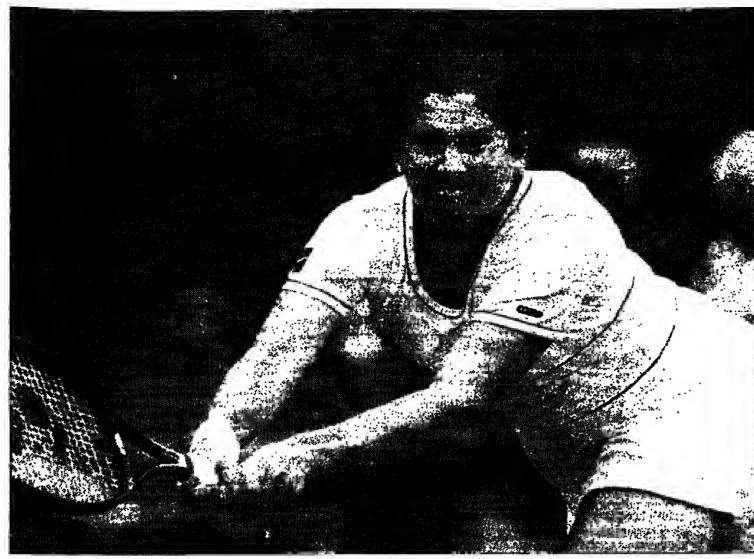
With the rain falling again, play was stopped and the two players hurried off. After a 40-minute break. Seles then finished off the match in 105 seconds, closing it out with a backhand return pass.

"It was tough because I was supposed to play Monday," Seles said. "I was here all day Monday and then I was surprised not to be playing yesterday, It's tough on all the players waiting in the locker room. I'm just one of the lucky players to finish tonight." McOuillan said the rain delay

hurt her performance. "It was a hell of a long day," she said. "I felt quite run down when I went out whereas I should have been ready to go. I felt a bit slow and sluggish. Against play-

ers like this, you can't feel like that all all." Seles won the first set in 18 minutes, losing only nine points, and went up 3-0 in the second. When McQuillan served an ace to win her first game, she threw up her arms in mock triumph and

smiled broadly. Showers washed out almost all



RIGHT BACK AT YOU - Monica Seles returns the ball to Australia's Rachel McQuillan.

yesterday's schedule, creating a huge backlog of matches and raising the possibility of the tournament extending into a third

Seventy-seven matches were scheduled but only two complet-

Fourteen others started but only one made it past the first set. The others didn't get further

than two games. With rain falling most of the day, it appeared likely that

Wimbledon would experience the 28th complete rainout in its 127year history.

A huge cheer went up on Center Court when the sun peaked through the clouds a half hour

VIPs in the Royal Box joined the spectators in doing the "wave"as they waited for play to start.

With only 16 matches completed on Monday due to rain, the tournameot already was behind

Kendall returns to Everton

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) -Howard Kendall, a former Everton star player and the club's most successful manager, confirmed yesterday be would be returning for a third term and leaving Division One Sheffield

Kendall, who took Everton to two league titles and the European Cup Winners' Cup during his first spell with the top flight chub in the mid 1980's, replaces Joe Royle,

who quit three months ago.

Despite an ill-fated second term that brought no success from 1990-1993, Kendall said the Merseyside club remained close to

his heart. "I spent 17 years as a player and. twice as manager at Everton and it holds something special for me."

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said Kendall. "I'm delighted and bonored to go back there and I hope I'm more successful than I was the second

time." Kendall, who has managed Blackburn, Manchester City and Notts County in England as well as Spain's Athletic Bilbao and Greek club Xanthi, said the finer: points of his contract had yet to be negopiated.

What I will do is go back to Liverpool and make some telephone calls oow," he said. "The _ circumstances were that Everton were speaking to other people before me and I was very, very

happy at Sheffield United." Kendall was far from being the first-choice for the hot seat at: Goodison, with the Everton management reportedly discussing terms with Barcelona's Bobby Robson, former Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan, German striker Jurgen Klinsmann, Welshman John Toshack and former Liverpool, Rangers and Southampton manag-

er Graeme Souness.

A's overcome Randy Johnson's strikeout tear

SEATTLE - Mark McGwire launched the longest home run in the history of the Kingdome and Steve Karsay threw six scoreless innings as the Oakland Athletics overcame a 19-strikeout performance by Randy Johnson for a 4-I victory over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday.

Geronimo Berroa and McGwire delivered RBI doubles in the third inning to stake Oakland to a 2-0 lead.

In the fifth, McGwire crushed his 27th homer of the season well into the upper deck of the Kingdome - 538-feet - for the longest homer in the majors this ninth for his 24th save. season and the longest ever hit at Seattle's Kingdome.

hits and two walks with five strikeouts for the win.

Johnson (11-2), who saw his sixgame winning streak snapped. struck out 18 over the first eight innings. After giving up a solo homer to George Williams in the ninth, he got Mark Bellhom lonking for his 19th whiff of the game - one shy of Roger Clemens's major-league record.

He tied Steve Carlton's mark for a left-hander, set in 1969. But despite the 19 Ks and no walks, Johnson was far from his best, giving up II hits and four runs.

Yankees 12, Detroit 9 Tino Martinez connected for his second home run and fifth hit of the Slocumb got three outs for his

game, breaking a ninth-inning tie. The visiting Yankees, who led 9-3 in the sixth, went ahead 10-9 when Martinez led off with his 25th homer against Mike Myers

Former Tigers outfielder Chad Curtis, who ded a career high with five RBIs, added a two-run homer off Doug Brocail with one out.

Pinch-hitter Melvin Nieves hit a three-run homer as the Tigers rallied for four runs in the seventh, tying it at 9.

Graeme Lloyd (1-1) got the final out in the eighth inning for the win. Mariano Rivera pitched the Red Sox 9, Blue Jays 6

Nomar Garciaparra had four Karsay (2-7) allowed just three hits, including a home run, and scored four times as visiting Boston won its fourth straight vic-

> Darren Bragg homered and drove in three runs for the Red

> Scott Hatteberg singled twice during Boston's five-run second

Joe Carter homered and Ed Sprague and Orlando Merced each had three hits as Toronto lost its fourth in a row. The Blue Jays fell a season-high five games below

John Wasdin (2-3) allowed two hits in three scoreless innings of relief for the win. Heathcliff ninth save, and third in as many days. Luis Andujar was the loser. Orioles 6, Brewers 2

Shawn Boskie scattered four hits

over five innings and Pete Incaviglia homered for the first time since May 4 as visiting Baltimore won. Boskie (4-3) won for the first time as a starter this season, retir-

ing 15 of 19 batters after giving up consecutive doubles to start the bottom of the first, Arthur Rhodes relieved Boskie after Jeff Cirillo led off the sixth with a double and finished for his first save of the season and second of his career.

Scott Karl (2-9), who missed his last start with a toe injury, took the loss. He gave up five runs on five hits in the second inning after he was staked to a 2-0 lead.

5-17 in such games this season. NATIONAL LEAGUE Mets 6, Braves 5

Carlos Baerga, who hit a gametying homer in the eighth inning,

Tuesday's AL results: N.Y. Yankees 12, Detroit 9; Cleveland 10, Minnesota 5; Boston 9, Toronto 6; Baltimore 6, Milwaukee 2; Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 0; Anaheim 7, Texas 6; Oakland 4, Seattle 1.

Tuesday's NL results: San Francisco 4, San Diego 1; Cincinati 7, Montreal 6 (10); Florida 4, Philadelphia 1; N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 5; St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 2; Pitsburgh 8, Houston 3; Colorado 6, singled home the winning run with one out in the tunth as host New York rallied for its sixth straight

Baerga's heroics gave the Mets the first two games of the threegame series and brought New York within four games of firstplace Atlanta in the NL East, With the win, the surprising Mets are 11 games over .500 for the first time since July 30, 1991.

Baerga's hit off Mark Wohlers (2-3) made a winner out of former Brave Greg McMichael (4-6). Reds 7, Expos 6

Lenny Harris singled home the winning run in the 10th inning to snap a three-game Cincinnati losing streak. Eduardo Perez homered, drove

in three runs and had a career-high four hits for the visiong Reds. Tied 6-6, Perez led off the Cincinnati 10th with a single and

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was bunted to second. Deioo Sanders walked and Harris followed with a single off reliever Dave Veres (2-2) to right. Jeff Shaw (2-0) got the win despite allowing a Mike Lansiog

homer in the ninth to tie it 6-6. Henry Rodriguez homered and drove in four runs for the Expos. Rockies 6, Dodgers 2 Emergency starter Darren Holmes pitched eight strong

innings and Larry Walker hit his 22nd homer, leading visiting Colorado to victory. Holmes (3-1), starting in place of Rockies ace Roger Bailey, who has a strained left hamstring, allowed five hits while walking

Holmes, normally a reliever. retired 16 of the last 18 batters he faced. Curtis Leskanic relieved to start the ninth. (Reuter, AP)

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McEnroe 'embarrassed' by modern tennis

Wimbledon champion John McEnroe is "embarrassed" by the state of modern tennis and believes drastic measures are required to boost the sport's fading popularity. McEnroe chose a damp third day at the All England Club on yester-

day to attack the tennis establishment which he believes is guilty of ignoring deep-rooted problems which have led to a growing lack of real personalities in the game. "Something has to be done and I

American television network.

amount of forward momentum. It's very evident that tennis is losing popularity, not just in America but ilso in England and Japan."

convinced tennis should follow the nore aggressive marketing techiques pioncered by American basetball and insists world No. 1 Pete Sampras should play a more active ole in promoting his sport.

rock band in Spain.

"Pete doesn't have to act like I behaved on center court, but I think it's important the players lead the way and do far more than they're

who have no business being in the tournament. It's bad for the sport if guys are just turning up to collect a pay check."

There is nothing to match McEnroe's famous rivalry with Bjorn Borg in the men's game at present, and the New Yorker is cruelly accurate when he points out that most of the world's top players, bar the likes of Andre Agassi and Boris Becker, "can walk the main street and not be stopped." Significantly, former champion Chris Evert believes McEnroe's

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reflecting on the rapid rise of world No. 1 Martina Hingis and the surprise triumph of Croatia's Iva Majoli at the French Open car-"Steffi (Graf) was a better No. 1

five years ago and Martina (Navratilova) was a better one 10 years ago. It's disappointing the way things have panned out."

"She hasn't convinced me menbecause it usually spells disaster.

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West Indies climbing in cricket standings year after the International

LONDON (Reuter) - West cial world cricket rankings yesterday following their 1-0 Test series victory over Sri Lanka this month.

West Indies, regarded as cricket's world champions for many years until Aostralia beat them in 1995, moved to within three points of Mark Taylor's number played and points team in the Wisden world championship.

They are now outright second ahead of South Africa. Sri Lanka drop to seventh after their defeat. The rankings system, devised

Almanack, is likely to be adopt-

ed officially at the end of the

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Rankings are based on the

most recent meetings, both at

home and away, between each

pair of teams, with two points for winning each series or one-

off Test and one for drawing.

The difference between the

decides placings.

Prosecution rests in Grobbelaar retrial

WINCHESTER (AP) - The prosecution case closed yesterday in the march-fixing retrial of Bruce Grobbelaar, two other soccer stars and a Malaysian businessman. Defense evidence is due to start today. The prosecution has alleged that former Liverpool and Southampton

star Bruce Grobbelaar, a 39-year-old Zimbabwean internacional goalkeeper, ex-Asion Villa and Wimbledon striker John Fashanu, Dutch goalkeeper Hans Segers and Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim were part of a plot involving a Far Eastern betting syndicate to fix the results of Premier League games.

At a previous trial, a jury failed to reach verdicts.

LONDON (Reuter) - Former are a number of guys at Wimbledon

think drastic changes would be far preferable," said McEnroe, now an outspoken commentator with an "I'm embarrassed by this sport right now. We've lost a tremendous

McEnroe, who won the last of his hree Wimbledon bitles in 1984, is

"It's not only about hitting the all over the net," said McEnroe, currently taking a break from Wimbledon to perform with his

doing now.

"Pete is a fine player, but there

sentiments can broadly be applied. to the women's game as well. standard," commented Evert,

lier this month.

Even Anna Kournikova, the 16year-old Russian prodigy who made a startling Wimbledon center court debut on Tuesday, has yet to impress Evert, who won three Wimbledon pitles between 1974 and 1981.

tally. She doesn't know how to orchestrate a point yet. I never want to build a player up too much She's got a model face, a great body and she's marketable, but there's more to it than that."

SCOREBOARD

European basketball championships - Yesterday's early results: Group A: Bosnia 55, Russia 65 (21-37)

- Nenad Markovic 20, Gordan Firic 11, Dzevad Alihodzic 6, Aris Bedragic 5, Semir Leric, 5, Sejo Bukva 5.
Russia – Vassily Karrasev 22, Mikhail Mikhailov 11, Andrei Fetissov 9, Igor Koudalin 8, Sergei Babkov 8. Greece 74, Turkey 52 (39-23)

Leading scorers:

Greece - Nikos Iconomoy 18, Efthimis Rentzias 14, Demetrios Papanikolaou 13, Fragiskos Alvertis 7, George Sigalas 7.

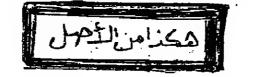
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8, Igors Melniks 8, Edgars Sneps 4.
Italy – Davide Bonora 18, Gregor Fucka 13, Alessandro Abbio 11,
Alessandro Frosini 11, Paolo Moretti 8, Riccardo Pittis 8.
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Leading scorers:
Yugoslavia — Zeljko Rebraca 19, Predrag Danilovic 18, Dejan Bodfroga 16,
Dejan Tomasevic 9, Nikola Loncar 8,
Poland — Dominik Tomczyk 13, Adam Wojcik 13, Mariusz Bacik 11,
Krzysztof Dryja 8, Andrzej Pluta 7,
Group B: France 80, Slovenia 75 Group D: Spain 82, Ukraine 54

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CLASSICAL MUSIC MICHAEL AJZENSTADT Stanley Sperber leads his Haifa Symphony Orchestra in

Beethoven's monumental Ninth (Choral) Symphony as well as in the world premiere of Jan Radzynski's Shirat Ma'ayan. Saturday (9 p.m.) et the North Theater in Kiryat Haim, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and next Thursday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30 p.m.) and July 5 at the Noga Theater in Jaffa (9 p.m.).

Uri Mayer leads his Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba in a program of Mozart and Richard Strauss with soprano Edith Wiens. Saturday (9 p.m.),

Monday and Tuesday in Beersheba, July 3 et the Rage Against the Machine (1992) and its control Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem (8:30 p.m.) and July 5 at the Tel Aviv Museum (9 p.m.).

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Those inspired lunatics of the Reduced Shakespeare Company continue their local tour tonight with their inimitable version of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare -Abridged. Thet's all 37 plays in 97 side-splitting minutes. Tomorrow on the Cameri Theater mainstage at 2 and 9:30 p.m.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

If you have never seen Ohad Naharin's bright Anaphase, or want to see it egain, the Batsheva Dance production is at the Tel Aviv Cinerama tomorrow at 10 p.m. and Saturday at 9 p.m.

ROCK

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Very heavy metal rock band Roge Against the Machine is coming for two concerts only. Since its first public performance in 1991, the four-member group has zoomed to the top with mega-hits like

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CRITIC'S CHOICE



Alec Baldwin and Whoopi Goldherg face the media in 'Ghosts from the Past.'

> versial public concerts which take off on behalf of practically every underdog there is. At Second City in Haifa tomorrow, and on Sunday at the Tel Aviv Cinerama, both et 9 p.m.

FILM

Adina Hoffman

*** GHOSTS FROM THE PAST - There's nothing sexy or sensational about this Rob Reiner film, a straight-ahead recounting of the belated 1994 attempt to bring to justice the white supremacist responsible for the 1963 murder of civil rights activist Medgar Evers. Visually, structurally and rhythmically, the picture is merely functional and could easily pass as a made-for-TV movie.

Despite its stylistic limitations, though, Ghosts comes closer to animating honestly the emotional legacy of racism and oppression than many slicker films about the civil-rights movement. Working from a well-researched, adequately written script by Lewis Colick, Reiner takes a true story and attempts to tell it as clearly as possible. He assumes - correctly in this case - that an unadomed recreation of the actual events is bound to be much more compelling than a bogus load of pseudo-documentary pap. The result is an engrossing character drama. With Alec Baldwin, Whoopi Goldberg, James Woods and a fine cast of supporting players. Released in the US as Ghosts of Mississippi. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

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■ EDUCATIONAL

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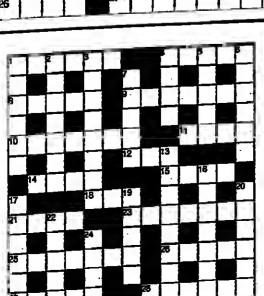
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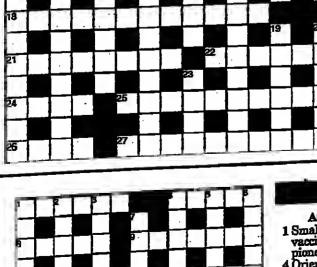
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NEWS

in brief

Cabinet postpones vote on Peled Report

Communications Minister Limor Livnat said yesterday Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has agreed to postpone Friday's scheduled cabinet discussion and vote on the recommendations contained in the Peled Commission Report on restructuring the country's broadcast system. She asked for the postponement in the wake of the same request from Education and Sports Minister Zevulun Hammer, who was released from the hospital yesterday and is convalescing from surgery and will not be pre-sent at the cabinet meeting. Hammer's office is responsible for Educational TV and Channel 2, both of which will be significanily affected if the proposed changes go through. No new date has been set for Livnat to present the report. Helen Kaye

Court: 'Yediot' must expand board of directors

In the midst of a long and bitter war between family shareholders at Yediot Aharonot. Tel Aviv District Court Judge Michal Rubinsiein ruled yesterday that the board of directors be expanded from two members to five. At present, Amon and Miriam Nofech-Mozes are the two main members, and Rubinstein ruled they would still hold majority shares. All five members of the board would have the right to examine procedures, management and assets of the daily, Rubinstein ruled.

The court rejected a request by Arnon Mozes' cousin and rival. Ze'ev Mozes, that an agreement signed in 1986 should remain valid. The deal stated that for a period of 20 years both Ze'ev and Arnon Mozes would jointly manage the daily. In fact. Arnon Mozes ousted his cousin.

Agency petitions to get squatters evicted

The Jewish Agency yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice, asking it to order the police to evict the group of squatters that broke into apartments in the Mevasseret Zion absorption center two weeks ago. According to the petition, by law the police are required to help the owner of a property recover the property if his ownership rights have been compromised, and despite repeated requests, police are not taking action against the

Two remanded in foreign worker's murder

The Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday remanded Nikolai Chaban, 40, and Natzgada Monaco, 30, on suspicion the two murdered a Romanian worker, Badu Valentin, 35. The suspects arrived here several months ago as tourists and overstayed their visas. They were employed, together with Valentin, at a restaurant on the road to Kiryat Ata. Judge Hanoch Shiloni said that although the currently available evidence is not clear-cut, it is enough to raise suspicions against the couple and the investigation must be completed when the two are in custody.

Winning cards

The winning cards in yesterday's first Chance draw were the 8 of spades, queen of hearts, 10 of diamonds and queen of clubs. The results of the second draw were the 9 of spades, queen of hearts, queen of diamonds and 7 of clubs.

Ex-MK Saguy questioned

in Ben-Ari case

Matza: Cellphone firms should fund health studies

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza has asked his chief scientist to initiate talks with the cel-Jular phone companies for the establishment of a fund to examine the possibility that their use

may cause harm to health. Such a research fund would reportedly be the first of its kind in Israel financed by non-med-ical companies for the study of the health

effects of their products. Matza yesterday expressed his agreement. in principle, to participate in the running of such

a research fund in conjunction with the Communications Ministry.

chief scientist, is to meet with the heads of Cellcom and Pelephone, which together have over 1.6 million subscribers.

The idea of such a fund was initiated by The Jerusalem Post two months ago following publication of an Australian study, described by experts as "serious," that linked cellular phone radiation with lymphoma in mice.

According to a recent survey, Israelis spend five times more time per month talking on their cellular phones than Americans.

In addition, the innovation of the Mango Pelephone, which is free of monthly subscription charges, has made its use common among

According to Dr. Avi Livnat, in charge of the Health Ministry's medical equipment unit, this makes Israeli cellular phone use unique. Although other foreign studies have not found proof of health damage from cellular phones, Israeli conditions require a serious effort to rule this out.

Cellcom spokesman Ilan Bachar said the company is waiting to hear from the Health Ministry and views its proposal "in a positive

Pelephone did not comment but has said in the past that it would consider the matter when presented to them by the ministries.



Tichon meets future leaders

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon greets visiting participants yesterday at the Knesset in the First International Leadership Program, sponsored by the United Nations University International Leadership Academy.

(Brian Hendler)

Volcker says Swiss Holocaust accounts will be resolved quickly

By RAINE MARCUS

Former Labor MK Gideon Saguy was summoned to give evidence at the National Crimes Squad headquarters at Petah Tikva yesterday in connection with the Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner) case. As he entered the police station he told reporters that he had never met Ben-Ari and he had no idea "what police want from me."

Two of Ben-Ari's former secretaries were also summoned for questioning in the hope that they would help implicate their former employer, suspected of conducting massive financial scams using straw companies and of involvement in a murder.



Gideon Saguy (Israel Sun)

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By MARILYN HENRY

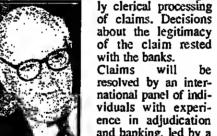
NEW YORK - Calling the matter "urgent," the Swiss Federal Banking Commission and the Volcker Committee have agreed on a "liberal" and expedited process to resolve claims for dormant accounts in Swiss banks of Holocaust victims, former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker said yesterday in Washington.

The new procedure calls for "an independent and objective international claims resolution panel to definitively and equitably decide claims, operating under liberal rules of evidence," according to a statement released by Volcker.

"Everything will be done to ensure that this program is carried out with as much sensitivity dignity and compassion as possible," Georg Krayer, head of the Swiss Bankers Association, said in a statement released in Bern. "The

process provides for a significantly relaxed burden of proof." Under the previous

system, claimants dealt with the Swiss banking ombudsman, report on all foreign and domestic



Paul Volcker

(Brian Hendler)

national panel of individuals with experience in adjudication and banking, led by a Swiss chairman.

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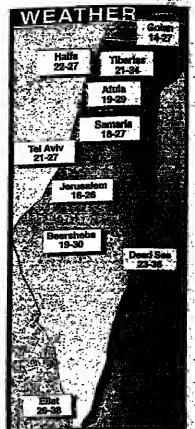
Volcker and the commission imposed tight deadlines on the

process. Banks will be required to

accounts that have been dormant since 1945 by September 15. The first list of accounts will be published on July 23; the second on October 20.

A claims-processing center will be administered by the Basle accounting firm of Atag Ernst & Young. Claims of depositors or their heirs must be filed with the firm within six months of publication of the name of a dormant account holder.

The claims resolution panel will be required to decide claims, with interest or other appropriate adjustments, within six months after the end of the period for the submission of claims.



AROUND THE WORLD

Reservist holds 2 soldiers at gunpoint

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A reservist held two soldiers hostage at gunpoint at the Beit Guvrin. training base yesterday, firing into the air, locking himself in a building and threatening to shoot them.

The commander of the base, Col. Yehuda Shimshoni, rushed to the scene and in about half an hour managed to talk the reservist into releasing his hostages and giving himself up. Military Police launched an investigation into the incident and OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan went to the base to debrief those involved.

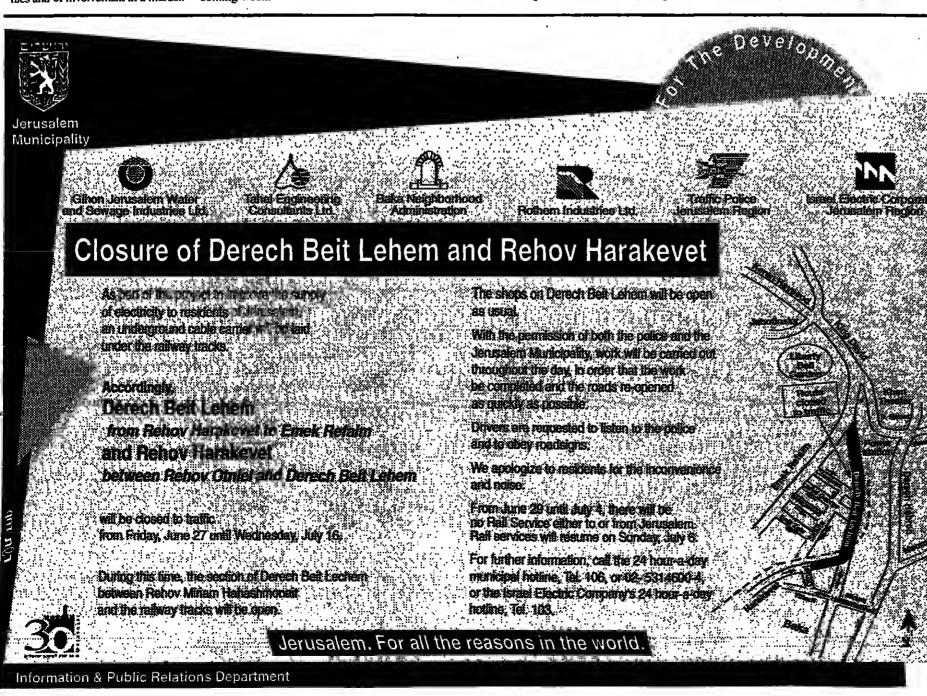
The incident comes only a few days after the shooting death of one IDF soldier by another in an argument over the use of a telephone.

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The Beit Guvrin base trains reservists in riot control and prepares them for service in the territories. Reservists are usually there for about three days. The two hostages, however, were not reservists, but personnel from the base, the army said.

The reservist apparently was suffering from personal problems, military sources said. An investigation was still under way.



Jewish Agency slow to adapt - comptroller

By JONATHAN TEPPERMAN

In preparation for the annual convocation of the Jewish Agency's governing body today, the Agency's comptroller has issued its annual report detailing flaws in the organization and making recommendations for its future operation.

The report suggests that, over the last year, the Agency has been somewhat sluggish in adapting to changes in the economy and in the nature of immigration to Israel. This sluggishness has prevented the Agency from allocating funds in the most efficient manner possible, and the problem has grown more acute as budgets have shrunk throughout the organization.

The 500-member Jewish Agency Assembly is to discuss the report when it returns from the former Soviet Union and begins meeting in Israel today. Made up of world Jewish leaders, the Assembly intends to discuss structural changes in the Agency and to redefine its goals for the century ahead.

Comptroller Ehud Haviv's report discusses the results of investigations into a variety of Agency programs such as Kibbutz Ulpanim, the Amigur Company (which manages apartments owned by the Agency and the State), and loan guarantees to new immigrants. :-

According to the report, a number of Agency initiatives lack effective short-term supervision. Another concern it raised is an apparent lack of coordination between different programs with similar or overlapping mandates (such as the provision of loans or

Peleg: Israel aims for sustainable development

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Israel - without much land, water or other natural resources - is committed to sustainable development, David Peleg, Israel's charge d'affaires, said yesterday at the Earth Summit, the UN's environmental conference in New York.

It also has shared for more than 40 years its unique environmental expertise in solar energy and raste-water recycling, he said.

However, Israel has yet to tap the full potential for environmen-

tal cooperation with its closest neighbors because of problems in the peace process. The multilateral "development" track is "not functioning effectively due to the refusal of some of our neighbors to participate therein and the intent of others to use this mack as a plat-form for pressuring Israel," Peleg

Saeb Erekat of the Palestinian Authority told the summit Tuesday that Israel's nuclear program threatened a "dangerous environmental disaster" in the

